

Adams Elementary PTCO Meeting Minutes
Meeting September 24, 2020

Prepared by Secretary Emily Rose-Weber

Meeting held 9/24/20, virtual meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Nancy Palmer, Mike Palmer, Principal Pina, Emily Rose-Weber, Spencer Guarena, Jessica Fry, Ashley Sanchez, Carol Shirley, Sandra Meza, Ashley Jensen, Kevin Flynn, Tanya Fleck, Megan Moore, James Chavez, Alma Picazzo

Call to Order

PTCO President Nancy Palmer calls to order 6:10 pm.

Introduction

Introductions, getting to know new members. Nancy Palmer and Jessica Fry overview of our organization.

Treasurer's Report

Nancy Palmer gives overview of the role. Notify members that our co-treasurers Jolene Brown and Leticia Chavez have left the school and we are in need of a treasurer. Members are encouraged to take on this role.

Old Business/Upcoming Events

Fall/Halloween Festivities-

Brainstorm of ideas to make the season fun despite Covid.

Dia de Los Muertos Ofrenda?

Pumpkin decorating zoom party?

Back drops for photos opportunities?

Wearing costumes on zoom?

Ashley Sanchez is enthusiastic about finding ways to make sure the kids can enjoy the holidays. Perhaps a neighborhood walk/scavenger hunt? There will be a zoom meeting just for planning Halloween/Fall.

Room Parents-

We had done a lot of work to get a system up and running just before lock down went into place in March. Jessica Fry will work on getting this started again.

Restaurant Nights-

Emily Rose-Weber is reaching out to businesses along Adams Avenue to set up restaurant nights. These will be “take out” primarily and comply with Covid safety precautions. Idea being (1) we can all dine out at the same place on the same night and still feel like a school community and (2) possibly make a little money, even though times are tough for the restaurant industry.

Room Parents- Jessica Fry continues outreach to see if we can get a room parent for each class to help coordinate with school, PTCO, outreach and help out the teachers.

Online School Community-

Jessica Fry set up a Facebook group just for our Adams families. Everyone is encouraged to join.

The PTCO website is up and running.

Ms. Meza has made great improvements to our school website.

Other Concerns-

Teachers Mr. Flynn and Ms. Shirley discuss the challenge of incentivizing the kids during distance learning. Little rewards that can be given quickly, little exchange systems are effective ways to keep kids engaged and it is much harder in the distance learning context. Some discussion re: ideas. Amazon cards to be sent to parents? Sending emojis via zoom?

Conclusion

Meeting Concludes 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting October 15, 2020 and 6:00 pm via zoom.

