



Fulton Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

**August 15, 2019; 7:30 am,
Media Center**

Attendees: Kim Paschich, Melanie Nellos, Meagan Campagna, Katie, Reynolds, Shannon Hannon, Heather Smith, Venetta Hudson, Kimberly Roberts, Stacy Pratt, Michelle Clonts, Mark Pfeffer, Amy Yanish, Margie Foster, Jen Short, Pam DeRosa, Jenn Hamilton, Stephanie Bryant, Kristy Yablon, Sarah McGinnis, Julie Milligan, Kerry Hamilton, Lena Ziska, Alison Conway, Chelsie Wise, Briana Canales Garza, Jennifer Kern, Sandy Power, Anna Peralta, Katie Button, Shanti Sundarapandian, Petra Stahl, Janan Abaslioglu, Stephanie Freeman, Danielle Craaybeek, Jessica Lauterbach

Welcome- Opening Comments:

Kim Paschich

Kim thanked everyone for attending our first meeting of the year, and explained that all of the meetings will be at 7:30am. The earlier time allows for staff to be included, there will be at least one teacher as a representative from each grade level at each meeting.

Principal's Report:

Dr. Shannon Hannon

- Dr. Hannon thanked everyone for being here this morning, as well as for a great start to the school year. She said the kids have been wonderful and have made the back to school transition well.
- Dr. Hannon also wanted to remind all parents that her door is always open for any concerns, questions, etc.
- Dr. Hannon shared that the district has a Bond Election coming up. She handed out a fact sheet (which is all she is allowed to share, just facts and a reminder to vote, but not how to vote). She then went over some of the facts/highlights of the bond election:
 - The fact sheet refers to the 3 B's – Buildings, Buses and Books. It also includes the dates of the election, and explains that the Bond election is different than the override elections. It also indicates that a tax increase is not expected.
 - CUSD gains approximately 300 students per year, the bond pays for many types of general upkeep and capital improvements within the district including maintenance, furniture, technology (like laptops), and things that are typically difficult for a district to buy.
 - A school typically receives \$2,000-3,000 a year for capital improvements, with the bond passing that amount increases to \$10,000-12,000.
- A parent asked about yard signs and car stickers for the election. Kim took over the questions at this point and explained that PTO can pickup and parents can help pass out these items. Kim also said that the district is looking for volunteers to reach out to neighbors and hand out signs and stickers. Kim passed around a sign up sheet for anyone interested in volunteering.

Field Goals For Funds Fundraiser:

Melanie Nellos

Melanie went over the highlights of the fundraiser and thanked everyone for their donations, and teachers for their participation as well.

- \$49,357 donated
- 52% of kids donated vs. 42% last year
- Mr. Servis Highest Teacher
- 5th was Highest Grade

- The last round of prizes (Otter Pops/Skittles) will be given out on Friday. The grand prizes were drawn and announced yesterday and will be delivered next week.
- Kim asked for feedback on this type of fundraiser. We have gone to a Check-a-thon type fundraiser (as many schools have) because the donations are tax deductible (as opposed to when you have to purchase something) and because all of the funds go back to Fulton.
 - Pam DeRosa said that the younger kiddos get confused about the prizes and when they will receive them, she suggested doing all of the prizes at the end.
 - A parent asked why we do the fundraiser right at the beginning of the year. Another parent suggested that we do it after the first PTO meeting. Kim explained that per the rules PTO's are governed by, we can't spend money until our yearly budget is voted on and approved, and we need to know what the fundraiser generates in order to set the budget and vote on it at this first meeting of the year. Melanie also explained that we have tried to do it later but then it runs into the districts CEF fundraiser, and for these reasons most schools now do their big fundraiser early in the year.

Treasurer's Report:

Kim

- Budget Review
 - Balance Sheet is as of end of July, no major spending so it's very close.
 - Grade Levels were given more \$ this year than in the past.
 - We also added a Technology budget of \$5,000 as Mrs. Lundquist continues to update her programs. New music teacher Mr. Little is updating his room as well, added funds there and all other specials budgets were consistent.
 - Increased Science budget from \$4,000 to \$5,000, new science curriculum this year. Lori Ruff was also hired as a consultant for extra science activities.
 - PTO General Funds includes events, staff appreciation, all copy paper, and many other items listed on the budget sheet, plus extra \$ for teacher needs as they come up.
 - Teacher grants – PTO will reimburse teachers up to \$100 for items they purchase for their classrooms. (must provide receipts)
 - A parent asked what CSB is (budget line item). Kim explained that it is Chandler School Boosters which all PTO organizations are required to participate in and share a % of our funds with.
- Budget Vote - Lena Ziska motioned to approve the budget, Margie Foster seconds the motion. Budget is passed for the 2019-2020 school year.

School Cents

Lena Ziska

- Lena gave an overview on School Cents program, 20 schools are selected each year based on past participation points. Each school accrues points when receipts are turned in and receives a check at the end of the year based on their points. Points are earned on logged receipts for purchases at all Chandler Fashion Mall stores, including the food court and surrounding stores/restaurants within the parking area (such as Ethan Allen, Benihana, Hop Social, etc.)
- Started August 1st and receipts for August earn 4x/Quad points.
- Receipts can be scanned on your phone through the website shortcut or dropped off at the mall dropbox (upstairs near the elevator by Barnes & Noble).
- Flyers with more details are going home this week.
- A parent suggested that we could collect receipts by class as a contest.

Past Events:

Kim

- Peter Piper Pizza Night – 20% of sales = earned \$1,378 back to Fulton
 - This is our highest earning restaurant night of the year. It was very busy, Kim apologized for the long wait times for food.
 - Ms. Parris' class won a pizza party for most students to attend.

Upcoming Events:

Kim

- Restaurant Night – BJ's Brewhouse – Wed Sept 18th - Quad Points for School Cents
- Teacher Conferences – staff meals provided by PTO on the late night of conferences. Cathryn will send out order forms to teachers. The meals will be from Tropical Smoothie Café.
- Monster Mash – Friday Oct 25th - 5:30 – 8:00 pm **Margie Foster**
 - Margie is looking for volunteers to help with set up, after lunch that day for about 2 hours. Please email her if you are interested in helping with set-up!
 - The "Fun House" has been a huge hit the last two years and will continue this year. Michelle Lane heads that up and set-up is done over two days, will also need volunteers.
- Spirit Week - Box Tops/Coke Products – STUCO contest – Sept 24 – 28 **Stacy Pratt**
 - More info will be coming home soon, Box Tops are going paperless by scanning receipts. Coke products can also be scanned for 5-15 cents per item, including all Coke products like Dasani etc. Once a quarter, Coke products earn double points.
 - This STUCO fundraiser helps fund Field/Water Day.
- Pennies for Patients – Starts Oct 28th
 - This is the STUCO service project benefiting the Luekemia & Lymphoma Society. Fulton is one of the highest fundraisers in the program, this will be set-up for online donations as well.

Free Money:

Kim/Meagan

- Amazon – must visit the PTO website and click on the Amazon banner EVERY time you order! We can't do Amazon Smile program because we are under CSB (Chandler School Boosters).
- Fry's – tell friends and family they can sign up too, register online with Fry's and just select Fulton as your school. This raises \$1200-\$1500 per quarter!
- Gift Cards – lots of store & restaurant Gift Cards sold at the front office, % of each card sold goes back to Fulton
- Tuft & Needle - 25% goes back to Fulton, very comfortable mattress, great local company.
- Shutterfly – 13% goes back to Fulton, order your Holiday cards and calendars here!

PTO Liaisons

Meagan Campagna

- Meagan explained the role of the PTO Liaisons, which is to pass on communication from PTO to the parents in your class.
- After each PTO meeting, the meeting minutes and highlights will be sent to each liaison via email. Please get a list of parent emails from your teacher, and then simply forward along the email you receive from PTO to all of your parents and well as the class room teacher.

Next PTO Meeting – November 13th – 7:30 a.m.