



Sierra Elementary PTC General Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2013

I. Call to order: 6:01p.m.

II. Roll Call

- Mark Musser Hannah Gilman Deanna Hogenboom
- Barbara Trammell Jamie Wuerthner Yvonne Edwards
- Katie Leman Betsy Welch Rose Marie Caballero
- Matthew Oliver Amy Murdica Corina Reichstein
- Daray Fujioka Sara Kheiri Jennifer Woodside
- Sami Kader Suzi Pangman Karen Thomas-Brandt
- Susan Willson Ciarda Henderson Geist Lisa Zeng

III. Approval of minutes

- Approval of the minutes: Approval of minutes from the PTC General Meeting Sept 4, 2013. Motioned by Mark Musser; seconded by Deanna Hogenboom. Minutes approved.

IV. Treasurers Report

**Sierra PTC
Treasurer's Report**

**Total PTC Account Balance as of
9/30/2013**

\$34,911.67

Teacher Balances:

Anderson	\$229.33
Balzer	\$18.89
Bray	\$80.72
Breckenridge	\$202.47
Budge	\$34.93
Burke	\$199.83
Caballero	\$162.42
Dodge	\$200.00
Durbin	\$31.79
Edwards	\$64.69
Farmer	\$163.33
Gilman	\$200.00
Gin	\$8.49
Hardy	\$203.96

Other Accounts:

Art Docent	\$602.38
Auction	\$0.00
Fall Carnival	-\$100.00
Fund Run	\$10,427.75
Gardening	\$0.00
General Budget	\$9,659.30
IB	\$0.00
IB - Portfolios	\$565.31
IB - Spanish	\$0.00
IB - Training	\$0.00
Library	\$543.78
Music	\$1,075.00
Scrip	\$3,931.61
Square 1 Art	\$46.69

Hildebrand	\$69.58
Johnson	\$114.06
Loutensock - SDC	\$221.07
Patton	\$200.00
PCOE/Gruver	\$250.72
PE Waechler	\$300.00
RSP Anderson	\$200.00
Saucerman	\$255.90
Shirhall	\$205.22
Sorenson	\$200.84
Spanish De Loa	\$278.17
Strawn	\$186.52
Vapa	\$1,477.14
Winter	\$138.54
TOTAL	\$5,898.61

Student Council	\$151.52
Student Financial Asst. Fund	\$490.00
T-Shirt	\$82.45
Technology	\$1,537.27
TOTAL	\$29,013.06

Grand Total:

\$34,911.67

V. Special Programs

- Drama Class – Matthew Oliver proposed an opportunity to have the theater company, Black Top Comedy come in and teach a class in the art of improv theater. The class will meet once a week for 8 weeks, on campus, after school for one hour with a total number of 30 students maximum. Through a series of exercises and theater games, students will learn the basics of stage performance and use those skills to create hilarious stories on stage as a performance ensemble. The cost to students is \$75 with \$50 going to Black Top Comedy and \$25 going to Sierra PTC general fund. There is no cost to Sierra, however, the PTC Treasurers will need to record the collection of the class fee and distribute accordingly. Hannah Gilman feels that the drama program should meet on Monday afternoons due to the fact the Spanish program meets Tuesday through Friday and could create a conflict for some students. Everyone at the meeting agreed this sounded like a great idea, Matthew Oliver offered to coordinate with Black Top Comedy to get the program implemented.
- Fitness Program – Sami Kader is a fitness professional and youth motivational speaker who developed a program called “Sami’s Circuit” that enables children of all fitness levels to challenge themselves in a way they feel comfortable with. He offers a school year package program that includes keynote assembly, 4 periods per trimester of Sami’s Circuit, and monthly video challenges for a cost of \$2,000. Each of the 4 period sessions runs 35 to 45 minutes with 60 to 80 students per circuit. Currently Green Hills Elementary, Carmichael Elementary, and Highlands Elementary schools have signed up for the program. Karen Thomas–Brandt proposed to approve “Sami’s Circuit” school year package for \$2,000 to be taken out of the Script account with the option to cancel should any unforeseen red flags come up. Jamie Wuerthner seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Events Update

- Fund Run – As of Friday, October 4, 2013, the FUNd Run has collected a total of \$24,113.00. The t-shirts have been passed out to all the teachers to give to the students on the day of the run, along with \$5 Learning Express gift cards. Nature's Critters will be on hand to perform. Lunch will be pizza for students only, siblings and parents are responsible for their own food. The raffle basket winners will be announced during the warm ups.
- Fall Carnival – Twelve teacher booths have been confirmed and a rain date of October 28, 2013 has been determined. After much deliberation the committee decided to bring back the Scarecrow silent auction this year. The committee will put together a one page "How to" for each teacher in order to hopefully cut down on the confusion and stress. The costume contest has been moved to the amphitheater due to its increasing popularity. A fabulous event for Sierra families!

VII. Friendship Club

- The Friendship Club is a Sierra Elementary extension of Rachel's Challenge. Every student is a member of the club which encourages and challenges kids to show compassion, kindness and friendship towards their fellow students. Each class will have two student "Ambassadors of Kindness" chosen by the teachers based on short essays describing why they would be great representatives for their class. The ambassadors will meet twice a month before school with Mrs. Yvonne Edwards, Ms. Marissa Hardy and Mrs. Rebecca Burke to come up with different monthly challenge ideas that the students can strive to accomplish. Yvonne Edwards requested \$200 to help fund various supplies needed to begin the club. Mark Musser motions to take \$200 out of the General account to purchase incidentals for The Friendship Club. Corina Reichstein seconded. Motion passed.

VIII. Teacher Requests

- Yvonne Edwards request \$175 for 30 new Hoot books for the additional sixth grade class. Deanna Hogenboom motioned to fund the \$175 from the General account to pay for the 30 new Hoot books. Mark Musser seconded. Motion passed.

IX. Principal's Message

- The sixth grade Walker Creek Ranch camp was a huge success. Everyone had a great time.
- The new garden is looking great after being weeded, new irrigation installed and new soil laid. The Garden committee "SEED" committee of parents and teachers is doing an excellent job!
- On November 6, 2013 the school board will decide if Sierra Elementary will be considered for further discussion to make Sierra a K-8 school. Parents are encouraged to attend and voice their opinions on whether or not they feel this is a direction they would like the school to move forward in.

X. New Business/Open Forum

- “Shark Bits” – Ciarda Henderson–Geist offered to lead the development of a Sierra school newspaper called “Shark Bits”. There would be no cost to the school instead advertising space will be available for purchase by businesses in the surrounding area. The PTC Treasurers would need to set up a newspaper account to collect advertising payments. “Shark Bits” would come out monthly, with 150 paper copies printed and the online version available on the school website. The paper will offer articles written by students, a “Shout Out” section where parents and students can have a messages posted, school announcements and many more! A local artist has offered to design the “Shark Bits” logo and fonts. The first edition is scheduled to come out sometime in November.
- Corina Reichstein would like to reach out to Sierra parents to encourage support in making Sierra a K–8 school. The distribution of flyers after school hours was approved by attendees of the meeting in order to avoid any conflicts with district policies.

XI. Adjournment

- Mark Musser adjourned the meeting at 7:53p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara Trammell
PTC Secretary