

Sierra Elementary PTC Minutes

May 4, 2016 – 6:00pm

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

Susan Willson, President
Jamie Wuerthner, Co-Treasurer
Katie Leman, Co-Treasurer
Barbara Trammell, Co-Vice President (Absent)
Kali Hetrick, Co-Vice President (Acting Secretary)
Angel Ruffcorn, Secretary (Absent)
Amy Domingo, Communications Coordinator
Hannah Anderson, Principle
Diane Sorenson, Teacher Representative
Nell Hildebrand, Teacher Representative
Bret Hunter
Petra Collamer
Ally Simmons

III. Approval of minutes – April 6, 2016

Jamie Wuerthner motioned to approve the minutes for the PTC General Meeting held on April 6, 2016. Katie Leman seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

IV. Treasurers Report

Katie Leman, co-treasurer, reviewed the treasurer's report for the PTC. Money for IB Training was sent to the district. The Father/Daughter Dance raised approximately \$1,000.00 dollars, although it is not a fund raising event. There was \$23,844.24 after the last general meeting.

V. Sami's Circuit

Sami Circuit just completed its 3rd and final assembly for the year. The board asked that Mrs. Anderson reach out to the teachers about continuing the program in the future. The feedback from teachers, parents, and students has been very positive. Sierra was one of Sami's pilot schools, and as a result he has given the school a very generous rate. This year the cost will be \$2,870.00. This includes an assembly for primary grades (and new students) and 3 circuit days. Sami is willing to talk to the teachers about the message for his 4th year! Keeping in mind that most assemblies cost \$800 to \$900 dollars on average the board agreed to move forward with Sami Circuit for the 2016-2017 school year. Susan Willson motioned to move \$2,870.00 from the General Fund to the Sami Circuit Line. Kali Hetrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VI. Teacher Requests

Mrs. Anderson reviewed the suggestions from the last meeting:

Teacher Training
Spanish Exposure for Kinders
Imagination Playground
Field Trips

The staff and the board would like to explore Imagination Playground prior to moving forward. They want to understand how they can use it within the units of inquiry, and IB Principles. Brett Hunter is willing to meet with and brain storm with the staff prior to moving forward next fall.

The school is looking into multiple ways to help parents better manage their donations towards their student's field trips. They are looking at a 1 time, multiple times, and per field trip donation options.

There will be Spanish exposure for Kinders 2016-2017 school year, but the details are still being worked out.

Teachers are very interested in training this Fall.

The following teacher requests were made:

Mr. Stan asked for \$225.00 dollars to create a new Lost & Found Rack.

Jamie Wurthner motioned for \$225.00 dollars from the General Fund to be used for the construction of a new Lost & Found Rack. Kali Hetrick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The 6th grade team has asked for 3 sets of scientific calculators at a cost of \$237.00. They would be housed in the 6TH grade storage area, but would be available to other classes if they wanted to check them out. Kali Hetrick motioned for \$237.00 from the General Fund to be used to purchase 3 class sets of scientific calculators. Amy Domingo seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The ice machine in the Health Office has been broken for the last year, and the staff has been using the ice from the freezer in the teacher's lounge which leaves the Health Office empty. The Health Office is requesting \$130.00 for a new ice machine. Kali Hetrick motioned that \$130.00 dollars from the General Fund be used for the purchase of an ice machine. Nell Hildebrand seconded the motion. Motion passed.

After last month's technology purchases there was \$991.00 dollars remaining in the technology line. Mrs. Anderson requested an additional \$700.00 dollars to purchase the remaining ipads for the kinder classes. This purchase would give each class 6 ipads. Ally Simmons motioned to move \$700.00 dollars from the General Fund to the technology line for the purchase of ipads. Katie Leman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Some of the head phones are not working. Mrs. Anderson requested \$150.00 for replacement head phones. Amy Domingo motioned to move \$150.00 dollars from the General Fund to the technology line for head phone replacement. Kali seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

The 6th grade teachers were able to get \$600.00 dollars of the 6th Grade Exposition T-Shirts donated. The remainder of the cost for all of 6th grade and staff helpers is \$111.00. The 6th grade team is asking for the remaining \$111.00 to purchase the t-shirts. Petra Collamar motioned to use \$111.00 from the General Fund for the purchase of T-Shirts. Jamie Wuerthner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A request for \$115.00 for supplies needed for the 6th grade exposition. Susan Willson motioned for \$115.00 dollars be used from the General Fund for the 6th grade exposition. Diane Sorenson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mrs. Anderson requested \$300.00 for the Student Financial Assistants Fund for field trip support.

Kali Hetrick motioned to move \$300.00 dollars from the General Fund to the Student Financial Assistants Fund. Susan Willson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Last year the PTC approved \$4,000.00 dollars for an after school Math Intervention Program for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. The program has been very successful, and the teachers have requested doing it again next year. Only 3 sessions were able to be done this year leaving \$1,000.00 dollars in the account. Mrs. Anderson requested \$3,000.00 to fund 4 sessions during the 2016-2017 school year. Jamie Wuerthner motioned to move \$3,000.00 from the General Fund to the Math Intervention account. Kali Hetrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Hanna Anderson requested \$6,000.00 dollars more to send more teachers to training this Fall. Jamie Worthner motioned to move \$6,000.00 dollars from the General Fund to the training line. Amy Domingo seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The total \$13,838.00 was used to fund teacher's requests.

VII. Principal's Message

Mrs. Anderson wants to say, "Thank You" on behalf of the teachers and staff for the great teacher appreciation week! The students are currently completing their state testing, and it is going well. The students are having a better test experience this year, and are more comfortable with the format. The last Sami Circuit of the year just wrapped up last month. Open house is May 19th! May 19th, May 23rd, and June 2nd are minimum days. The 6th grade Exposition is May 26th, and open to all students and parents! The Father/Daughter Dance was last month, and it was a great event! All the "Teacher for a Day" and "Principal for a Day" will be scheduled the month of May.

VIII. New Business/Open Forum

Petra asked about meet the teacher and the first day of school welcome. Mrs. Anderson reported that meet the teacher will be the day prior to school starting, and the PTC does plan to have a welcome breakfast on the first day of school directly after drop off. Susan motioned to use \$300.00 from the General Fund for the welcome. Katie Leman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The date for Margarita Momma's is still being worked out. There are still tickets available for \$25.00. All money goes to the PTC.

MOD Pizza has reached out to the PTC with 100 free pizza wrist bands. The staff and board is working out the best way to used the wrist bands.

A parent would like the PTC to consider a Father/Son and Mother/Daughter event(s) or rotating events. The board and the school are open to hosting any event. The board will be looking into this idea, and getting parent support to put on an event in the future.

Bret Hunter, Whitney High teacher, and Sierra parent, has suggested a partnership with the HS boys and girls basketball and soccer teams for one or two week long after school clinics. The details will need to be worked out prior to the event. He has offered to be the teacher/staff member supervisor.

Bret Hunter also suggested a PINTEREST Board for the Sierra teachers to post their needs that could be completed by the Whitney High Shop students. This would be another way to foster community with our HS, and help the teachers and students!

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM