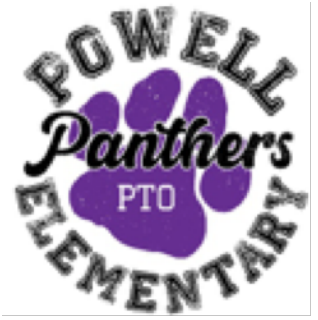


**General Meeting Minutes  
Oct 4, 2023- 11:50 am**



Powell PTO Meeting Minutes

Oct 4, 2023

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Mickela Schulz called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Previous minutes**

Mickela Schulz approved the minutes from the meetings of Sept. 6, 2023 and Sara Atkinson seconded, the motion carried.

**Principal's Report**

Erin Anderson presented Lisa Garrison director of elementary Schools for Conroe ISD who helped explain what the bond is made up of and what each option represents. She was a previous principal at Powell Elementary and her goal is to inform things on the bond. Growing is the theme, we have 73,000 children in the school district currently geographically larger than Houston ISD, 9<sup>th</sup> largest in the state and 60<sup>th</sup> in the country. Tax rate 0.96 cents right now and will have a 0.02 cents increase if any or all are chosen. On the ballot in November there are proposals you can vote for, 4 different options for the bond:

A is the master one. Master plan is when you completely change a space.

B is technology, on its own.

C 16 PE classrooms/ Gyms.

D outdoor pool.

Ages 65 and over will not be impacted.

For accurate information on how the bond will affect our school, teachers and your tax rates please visit the Conroe ISD website and then click on Bond planning committee at the bottom.

Website: <https://www.conroeisd.net>

Mrs. Anderson explained the No Dogs sign outside now since kids are out for active start she prefers there be no exposure for the teachers or kids outside being that recently a teacher at another school was bit.

## Committee Reports

- **Membership:** Lauren Gattis gave the numbers 223 members, 12 new one from last meeting.
- **Fundraising:** Sprit Wear opened back up and closed last Wednesday. One item is on back order but will move ahead. Fall Family Movie night will be Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> , same day as storybook parade. Tickets are on sale. Showing Hocus Pocus and can everyone is welcome to invite more people and friends. It is a fundraiser and will be fun. Book Fair- was a success, there was a lot of fun and it was successful. Another book fair in the spring to help decorate and volunteer.
- **Programs:** Kindergarten field trip was
- **Staff Appreciation:** Treat your Teach, will be combined with Sonic Day and will make a festive treat mix in the staff rooms. Almost all things have been donated by the parents, so it is zero cost. Volunteer dock is almost full as well. These events cover all staff from the school. Glass jars will be reused
- **Landscape:** Planning on getting the front fixed over the long weekend.
- **Spirit Nights:** Spirit night at Chik-fil-a \$883 was made. Next one is on at Crust Pizza in Alden Bridge Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> and can be ordered online.
- **Yearbook:** The votes are in and the winners have been chosen for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd place. The last day for 4<sup>th</sup> grade adds is on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Lost & Found:** Please check Lost and Found.
- **Treasurer:** \$6,000 raised through memberships, \$1,783 made on spirit night so far and \$420 Kroger. We hired a CPA to file tax this year and she does as low cost as she can. Need to decide 2 tax free days that we get for each year.

## Open Discussion

- Chalk the walk high schoolers will come and do the front and back. Have neighbors do the neighborhoods to decorate as well. Mr. Kirbo and Ms. Owens will meet the 2 different parks for those that live farther away. Pride might try to walk from one of the parks.
- Storybook Parade is planned for outside in the front and back. There will be a full day of school and things planned for the kids.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade shirts will arrive for them to use to go to the pavilion and class will take the picture beforehand which is already scheduled by Ana.

**Upcoming Events for October:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>- No School
- 12<sup>th</sup>- Walk to School Day
- 13<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten Field Trip to Old McDonald Farm
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- Spirit Night at Crust in Alden Bridge
- 27<sup>th</sup>- Storybook Character Parade
- 27<sup>th</sup>- PTO Fall Movie Night

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

**Next PTO Meeting:** Tuesday Nov 1, 2023 at 11:50 a.m. in the library.

Minutes compiled by Leslie Loayza, Powell PTO Secretary