

General Meeting Minutes  
Nov 29, 2022-11:15 am



Powell PTO Meeting Minutes

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### Call to Order and Welcome

Mickela Schulz called the meeting to order at 11:23 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

### Approval of Previous minutes

Mickela Schulz approved the minutes from the meetings of October 25, 2022 and Sara Becker seconded. The motion carried.

### Principal's Report

Erin Mathe reported that Powell now has about same amount of enrollment. Some leave and some come in so the numbers have maintained. There has been a large influx from countries like Ukraine, Russia etc. in our school as well as in other schools. It has been wonderful to see the children learning English and being immersed. She stated she has received all positive feedback from Carnival. In the Powell Publisher she made the mistake of stating the Kinder party being on the 14th, the party is on the 15th at 1:30 and she will correct that.

### Committee Reports

- **Membership:** 2 new families joined. Total of 218 members of families and staff together. Next year would like more staff involved and will look into incentives.
- **Fundraising:** No update.
- **Programs:** No update.
- **Audit:** Q1 audit passed.
- **Carnival and Silent Auction:** After all costs already submitted for the Carnival, and without food truck donations, we made \$18,200, the highest netting carnival in 5 years !! Thank you to all who put time and effort to pull it off.
- **Grocery Programs:** No update.
- **Staff Appreciation:** Lunch on the 16th for staff after early dismissal.
- **Communications:** Social media going the same.

- **Landscape:** Will check rocks from Carnival that we painted and move to front. Christmas wreaths will be purchased and added out front.
- **Spirit Nights:** \$610.00 Chik-fil-a check for spirit night. Haven't received checks for MOD pizza and Willie's yet.
- **Yearbook:** Yearbook extended 4th grade ads until Nov 30th. Currently have 40 ads purchased. Still is currently on sale for \$40 through the Jostens website.
- **Hospitality:** Doughnuts with Grownups will be held in the Spring 2023.
- **Lost & Found:** Please check Lost and Found as it is full. Alexis offered to help hang more items up before winter activities so they can be seen when parents come in.
- **Treasurer:** Biggest expense we have had since last meeting was for carnival: inflatable/dunk tank rentals, balloon artist, prizes, general store items, volunteer T-shirts for staff and volunteers, decorations, pizza for the HS volunteers, etc. The only non-carnival large expenses after were for the inflatable rental for Jingle Jam as we will be giving it a test run before next year's carnival since it is a new company and the Powell Panthers yard signs.
- **Room Parent Liaison:** Going to touch base with teachers next week about winter parties.

#### Open Discussion

- Mrs. Mathe let us know that the school had looked at our plan for excessive heat and cold weather limits for recess and active start and the temperatures have been adjusted. The temperatures are now as follows:
  - feels like 96-102 the kids will have a limited outdoor recess of 15 mins (instead of the normal 30 mins).
  - feels like 103 or above- there will be indoor recess
  - feels like 37 or above- will be normal outside 30 mins recess.
  - feels like 32-36- limited outdoor recess of 15 mins. And for those that have active start, the kids will have a choice of going to the library or going outside.
  - feels like 32 or below then all indoor recess or active start

She also stated there are not many movie days just if many back to back indoor recess days then they get 1 movie day.
- Also Mrs. Mathe has been looking into the Playground and what to do to help the dirt area. They found information on a Wind screen that is helpful for dirt blowing and protecting view from outside. Now there is a company that makes them somewhat see through and enough to see what's coming your way for safety. It would be personalized with Powell Panthers and logos on each side. across all gate. PTO to consider paying for it about \$4,000.00. It has already

been approved by district and Oak Ridge and Rice elementary have also submitted a request for it.

- Mrs. Mathe cleared up that Kindergarten now has 1- 30 min recess instead of 2- 15 mins like last year due to schedule but they are getting the same time outside.
- The school is also looking into the possibility of changing the signs in front and back entrances and want to start looking into it, both back and front signs. Need to see Woodlands requirements for rolling Marquee in front of school.
- Sarah suggests changing the tent in the library since it is coming apart. She will look into options and information on them.
- Jingle Jam needs 25 volunteers per grade. PTO will do bell necklace and candy cane for each child and will be given to teachers to give to them at the end of the day.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Dec. 6- Treble Makers Choir Concert
- Dec.15- Jingle Jam
  - 1st Grade- 8:15-9:10am
  - Kinder- 9:10-10:05am
  - 2nd grade- 10:05-11:00am
  - 4th grade- 1:10-2:05pm
  - 3rd grade- 2:05-3:00pm
- Dec.16- Early Dismissal at 12:05pm
- Dec. 19- Jan 3rd- Winter Break

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

**Next PTO Meeting:** Tuesday Jan.24, 2022 at 11:15 a.m. in the library.

Minutes compiled by Leslie Loayza, Powell PTO Secretary