



Condit Elementary PTO

Minutes of the January 15, 2020 PTO meeting

Call to Order: Amira Staller called to meeting order at 8:00 a.m. in the Condit Cafeteria.

Ms. Rebecca Grazier asked members to review the November 05, 2019 meeting minutes available online. Rebecca Grazier asked for a motion to approve them into record. Jean Lee made a motion to approve the minutes and Kara Stauffer seconded this motion. There were no opposing hands raised in the audience.

Officer Reports

Treasurer Edie Efron distributed the current PTO budget. Boostherthon had another great year. RFTS Family is continuing to do well and bring in donations. If you have any questions, please email Edie at conditptotreasurer@gmail.com. This is the same address to send in receipts and payment request forms.

Committee Updates

Nominating Committee, Amira Staller: A committee needs to be formed to nominate the people who will serve on the next PTO Board. It is comprised of the past PTO President (Esther Puig), 2 general members, and two people who are rolling off the PTO Board. The volunteers for the form nominating committee would not be eligible for a board position next year. If anyone is interested in joining the nominating committee, please reach out to Esther directly. There will be 4 board positions available as well as a SDMC position.

5th Grade Activities and Graduation, Kara Stauffer: There will be a 5th grade pop-up shop at I-Fest where students will be raising money for graduation. The bake sale will be held on February 14th after school which is an early dismissal day. March 9-12 is the food drive service project. Graduation will be held on May 28th and the end of year pool party will be held on the last day of school, May 29th. We will need parent volunteers from 4th grade to help with graduation ceremony.

SDMC Report, Shana Halvorsen and Stacy Sederis: There were parent concerns with 5th grade schedule and not enough recess but the teachers decided that it didn't need to be adjusted. There were no other voices of concern at this time. Parents can turn in at any time – in the office or online. Regarding the district, there is a lot happening right now with applications being submitted for the role of superintendent. A judge in Austin granted an injunction until the end of June so we are currently in a holding pattern regarding the takeover. Everyone is encouraged to attend meetings or watch online to get more involved. There is a special education district-wide parent committee being formed. If interested, please reach out to Shana Halvorsen for more details. This committee is similar to a PTO board for special education, as this is a district service vs. school level. The 2020 school schedule will be out in February.

I-Fest Information, Mona Sharique: The event will be held on January 31. This year we will have flavors of the month with food samples. Volunteers needed to help supply the food samples. There will be both student and professional performers. Deadline to sign up for parade is next week with forms going home today. Please reach out to Mona with any questions.

Principal's Report, Dan Greenberg: With the recent events at Bellaire High School, we still do not have an official report. We talk about things differently in elementary school and try to make sure kids feel connected. This is one of the best things we can do for the students – make them feel safe and know how to tell someone if something is wrong. We have several events coming up – I-Fest and Literacy Night. Kinder registration is happening now. There is a meeting on January 24th where we will talk about kids and tech use. Both Mr. Greenberg and Ms. Grimm will cover issues they have seen at Condit as well as best practices. We are currently being destroyed by tardiness – there were 55 yesterday alone. Kids are miserable when they must walk in late to school. It was noted that the carpool lines can be long but advanced planning will help ensure everyone is here on time. Please reach out to Mr. Greenberg with any questions.

President Update, Amira Staller: We had a successful Boosterthon and as a result we are able to update all isolated iPads. Slow iPads will impact all devices on the network so this will have positive results across the classrooms. We shouldn't need to revisit this for another 1-2 years. We have had a Chicken program at Condit that was introduced by one of our 2nd grade teachers who is very passionate about chickens. We are working with The Garden Hen to build out a large chicken coop that will house 5-6 egg-laying hens. The coop will be located outside near the Condit cow. We have already seen great benefits for students and by expanding the program we will be able to take it to the next level. Family Literacy Night is January 22nd – this will be a great opportunity for students to attend and learn more. We will be hosting a 2020 Non-Gala Silent Auction in February to help raise money for PTO, including the new chicken coop. This will be focused on experiences for students and parents. It will be a fun and exciting way to raise money for school.

Green Generations, Whitney Guarisco: The garden is full – feel free to snip some herbs for your home. There was a big harvest before the holidays. We will plan to plant seeds for the spring crops. We would like to thank Cici and George for their help with composting. We are still hoping to get down to 5-7 bags of trash. We had a plant sale at December book fair that was very successful. We would like to add 2 rain barrels to help water trees and one more composting barrel.

Upcoming Events:

- January 16 – Spring Pictures
- January 17 – Early Dismissal 12 PM
- January 20 – NO SCHOOL – MLK Day
- January 22 – Family Literacy Night 6-7:30 PM
- January 31 – I-FEST
- February 13 – Leadership Day
- February 14 – 5th Grade Bake Sale
- February 14 – Early Dismissal 12 PM
- February 18 – 5th Grade Musical 6:30 PM
- February 19 – PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
- February 20 – 4th Grade Musical 6:30 PM
- February 21 – Dad's Poker Social 7:00 PM

Closing Comments, Amira Staller: The next PTO meeting is February 19th in the evening at 6:30 PM. Thank you again to all our volunteers and room parents.

Adjournment: 8:50 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rebecca Grazier, 2019-2020 PTO VP of School Services / Support.