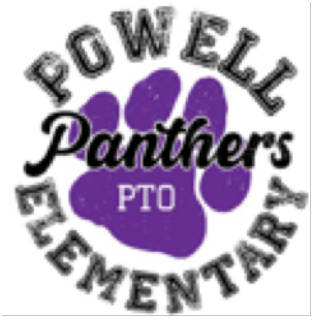


**General Meeting Minutes
Sept 6, 2023-11:50 am**



Powell PTO Meeting Minutes

Sept. 6, 2023

Call to Order and Welcome

Mickela Schulz called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Previous minutes

Mickela Schulz approved the minutes from the meetings of May 18, 2023 and Sara Atkinson seconded, the motion carried. Board members presented themselves and their positions for this school year. Committee Members also presented themselves.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Anderson welcomed everyone and is on day 2 today back from maternity leave. Worked here for 10 years and is happy to be back. The year started off well and numbers were well 880 projected number last year. 3rd has some spots available other grades are at about 18-20 students and helps alleviate stress of having too many. District allowed us to Add several faculty members a second ap 2nd secretary and math instructional coach and some 4th grade classes.

Committee Reports

- **Membership:** New members 211 signed up !!! ahead of where we ended last year. This includes parents and staff and had to order more color changing cups. Current strategy will be to have booth set up at all different events. Will also have a school wide competition. Popsicle party and >>>>>
- **Fundraising:** Amanda spoke about library set up for book fair and are super pumped. The idea of having the class hallway decorated for each grade and lead teachers should communicate to their room mom to share with other class room moms. Sign ups are needed for volunteers for the book fair. Spring Book Fair will be from Sept 18-22nd. Mrs. Collins also needs support from parents to help out at the library. Ashley talked about spirit wear and spirit store. The sale has closed and they are in the process of having shirts finished and will be delivered soon. Spirit night at Torchy's was great. Sept 18th at Chik fil A, Oct 23rd crust pizza, Nov 2nd Panera bread college park, Nov 6th Gringo's The Woodlands. There are some bows, yard signs, and Powell panther bags are still available.

- **Programs:** Sara Atkinson emailed teachers about field trips
- **Carnival and Silent Auction:** There will no longer be a Carnival and Silent Auction will be held at Breakfast with Santa.
- **Staff Appreciation:** Had breakfast at first back to school, yogurt and bagels will have a sonic day in Oct. for their drink orders. Will also do parent donation bags put together for a Fall treat.
- **Landscape:** Being in contact with Conroe ISD to see what can be done and not keep giving options that are shut down.
- **Spirit Nights:** Torchy's Taco March 8th 5-8pm
- **Lost & Found:** Please check Lost and Found and posts about missing things
- **Communications:** Thinking of cleaning up the page and not keeping everything on the page after certain things have expired. Room parent will be sending out monthly emails for room parents with just general updates.

Additions:

- **Watch Dogs presentation:** Fletcher Lewis has Evelyn in 1st grade. Saw this at another school and put it together last year. Dads of great students, national program that brings dads into school and have a male presence added security measure, and do some fun things as well. Come in at 7:30 do morning announcements, bounce around classes and help out where needed as well as check security thought-out the school. Also helps gets dads involved. Total volunteer program and idea is getting one dad do 1 day per year. Had a good turnout at meet the teacher booth and about 50 dad's signed up. Once dad reaches out to school through student's teacher or with Mrs. Davis. Once background check goes though the sign-up for a day can be chosen. It is a full day and no half days. Maybe put a social event together for the dads. PTO might be helping with the shirts for them and idea you keep it after helping out. Last year had 4 dads and they will be here this year as well.
- **New Traditions:** VP Fundraising- Amanda and Ashley took over and had some conversations about Carnival pulled numbers and spoke to community and school members. Most of the numbers came from Silent Auction and we could still do this in a different way. Building Community togetherness. 1st event will be Oct 27, Fall Family Movie in the Cafeteria/Gym on a Friday night. We will sell food and drinks. Same day as storybook parade and can come in their costumes. 2nd event will be Breakfast with Santa. It will be in cafeteria will have pancakes and bacon, fruit coffee. We have a picture set up with a real Santa and a professional Photographer and you get 1 edited photo. Meal and photo will be separate. Silent Auction will be held there to bring in fundraising and get experiences for Christmas to gift kids as presents. Will try to continue in Spring. We are hoping to build community and bring families together have it be easy going but still raise money for our school. We have a meeting on Sept 25th if you want to volunteer and help prep for event or for the same day of event.

Open Discussions

- Fall skate night as a spirit night was brought up by Charlotte and will get in contact with Amanda and Ashley
- Spirit Night ideas maybe offer teachers a free lunch
- Mary Jo Cox has 1st grader wants to see where money is going. Lisa spoke about Landscaping and how she is in contact with Conroe ISD to see what can be done because it is not really easy but trying to see how about going about it. Bush set up a new playground. But concern is the dust around the playground. Samantha commented on private and public bids and how it worked with an Architecture firm, but a way of getting around a company that has already been approved by Conroe ISD. Finding someone with a design firm in the school can give us some guidance. Commercial construction connections through real estate. Lisa is trying to get through Conroe ISD to see what can be done so we can make changes and things better.
- PTO is working on having the sign on the back replaced.

Upcoming Events

- Sept 15th- Fall Picture day
- Sept 18th- Sprit Day
- Sept 18-22nd- Book Fair

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday Oct. 4th, 2023 at 11:50 a.m. in the library.

Minutes compiled by Leslie Loayza, Powell PTO Secretary