

General Meeting Minutes  
Feb 28, 2023-11:15 am



Powell PTO Meeting Minutes

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### Call to Order and Welcome

Mickela Schulz called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

### Approval of Previous minutes

Mickela Schulz approved the minutes from the meetings of Jan 24, 2023 and Lauren Gattis seconded, the motion carried.

### Principal's Report

Erin Mathe reported that Powell now has 910 kids enrolled. Our grade levels we will be ok this year but next year there will be 2 new portables in the structured play area but will try to keep as many inside as possible.

She also gave information on the Bond Planning committee and how there are 170 bond members so as to try and have all people represented. We have a great community and blessed to be able to do great things. Our population now currently on 70,000 we usually hit max and pass it and expect to be at 120,000 in 10 years. The passing of the bond will benefit our school in covering the cost of the expected addition of a Gym, front sign and any expansion to the school. Our campus is meant to hold 750-800 students and we are currently at 910.

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

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

### Committee Reports

- **Membership:** No new members. Looking at membership incentive for next year so there is no scrambling for next year and possibly doing different levels of membership.
- **Fundraising:** Boosterthon raised \$96,343.00 and boosterthon was paid their portion from here. Teachers will receive a part of this as well and be divided evenly amongst them. About \$200 for each teacher and \$100 for specials classes.

- **Programs:** 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Interactive Zoo & Aquarium
- **Audit:** No Update
- **Carnival and Silent Auction:** No Update
- **Grocery Programs:** Box tops is on an app, amazon prime smile is ended, check for corporation donations.
- **Staff Appreciation:** We held a successful Travelin' Toms Coffee and Sweet Treat staff appreciation event on February 3rd. For March (thanks to the holiday sponsored luncheon by Hughes & Cozad) we are looking to host a baked potato bar, salad and dessert tray for our teachers during teacher appreciation month. Date: March and TBC with Mrs. Mathe April: we are planning for a non-Friday snack cart thanks to Texas First Bank. Date: TBC. May: end of year teacher luncheon by Alonti (Italian Buffet)
- **Landscape:** Want to get new pots for the front and create a flowerbed for the sign on Cochran's Crossing front, under \$100 most likely with stones and plastic under and use native plants.
- **Spirit Nights:** Torchy's Taco March 8<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm
- **Yearbook:** We only have 80 yearbooks left to be sold.
- **Hospitality:** Doughnuts with Grownups will be held on March 3, 2023 from 7:15-8am. Rodeo theme this year so wear your western wear. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome. Need help setting up night before at 6pm and the same day if you could arrive at 7pm. All glazed doughnuts and Coffee, milk chocolate milk, and juice.
- **Lost & Found:** Please check Lost and Found as it is full and it is worse than it was in Dec.
- **Treasurer:** Boosterthon was great and big success. Flowers on Valentine's was a success and people were happy with it. CPA biggest report change will be how things are listed on paper, won't be put as liability but will be more profit and loss. Rather than see it on a separate acct, it will be pulled from our actual acct. As we use money things will go down and this will make it easier for taxes and accounting in the future.
- **Room Parent Liason/ 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.

#### Open Discussion

- Mitchell PTO rep said there are 2 positions available is school supplies and fine arts, PE & library coordinator (collecting money for end of the year around Christmas times for specials). Join the 3 other moms that signed up from Powell for their PTO.

- Collins needs Board elected positions including: President, vice president, friends of Collins chair. Committee positions available: campus enhancements, field-trip shadow with Becky and wants someone for after, fall frenzy committee 3 members, Friends of Collins Committee has 2 positions, hospitality 2-3 people, school supplies, spirit night/vendors, and website manager.
- PTO taking over t-shirt sales for spirit wear but we would have to give back about \$5,000 to school each year since this is what they make for t-shirts and jeans (but jeans could be negotiated as they would continue)
- Nominations will go out before Spring break and Penny War will begin after spring break .

### **Upcoming Events**

- March 3- Donuts with Grownups 7:15-8:00am (Western Themed)
- March 3- Kindergarten Rodeo Day
- March 7- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Interactive Zoo and Aquarium
- March 8- Spirit Nights at Torchy's Taco
- March 9- 2nd Grade Family Folk Dance Night
- March 13-17- Spring Break
- March 20- No School (staff development day)

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

**Next PTO Meeting:** Tuesday March 28, 2022 at 11:15 a.m. in the library.

Minutes compiled by Leslie Loayza, Powell PTO Secretary