

**General Meeting Minutes
March 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 11:24 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Previous minutes

Mickela Schulz approved the minutes from the meetings of Feb 28, 2023 and Nikki and Amanda seconded, the motion carried.

Principal's Report

Erin Mathe reported that Powell enrollment at 906 about the same as before and 5 enrolling this week. We will be getting more portables next year for growth and some classes will be outside next year. New incoming principal is Erin Anderson and was board approved. She was assistant principal here before and was also a teacher here. We are excited to have her and she loves Powell. Staff met with her and she will be doing hiring this upcoming weekend and plans to join a PTO meeting soon.

Teachers are all excited about Boosterthon checks coming into them and preparing great things for kids.

Penny Wars will go to Gigi's Playhouse, they are nationwide but we will support the Houston one. They work with children with Down syndrome and great idea to show kids how to support others and other things that happen outside and make it fun. Will happen April 3-6th.

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. Looking into who will take over this position next year. Maybe change verbiage so that parents also know they can join and not have to participate and help in personal time.
- **Fundraising:** Boosterthon checks going out to teachers.
- **Programs:** 4th grade field trip April 6th to Sam Houston. 3rd grade field trip on April 14th to the Houston Museum of Natural Science. 4th grade choir asked to sing at Insperity PGA on April 28th.

- **Audit:** Passed quarter 2 Audit and getting ready for quarter 3 Audit. Re-haul on Quickbooks is needed, but things are looking good.
- **Carnival and Silent Auction:** No Update
- **Grocery Programs:** Box tops is on an app, amazon prime smile is ended received last one in Feb, check for corporation donations.
- **Staff Appreciation:** We held a successful staff appreciation baked potato bar, salad and dessert tray for our teachers. April: we are planning for a non-Friday snack cart thanks to Texas First Bank. Date: TBC. May 5th: end of year teacher luncheon and teacher appreciation by Alonti (Mexican Buffet)
- **Landscape:** Update on front sign was done and looks wonderful. Also makes it easier to walk on and set up again
- **Spirit Nights:** Tumbleweeds and Notions store will give back 15% of sales on April 4th 10am-5pm. Potential Skate night: Rainbow Roller Rink - private event \$10/kid, the PTO would get back \$3. Waiting to hear back about Skate Champions \$10/kid, \$5 back up to \$1000. Another spirit night on April 18th at Chik fil-a in Alden Bridge.
- **Yearbook:** We only have 60 yearbooks left to be sold.
- **Hospitality:** Doughnuts with Grownups was a success.
- **Lost & Found:** Please check Lost and Found.
- **Treasurer:** Had to pay Boosterthon back, about 49% of what we got, not reflected in this balance sheet and will be shown on the next one.
- **Room Parent Liason/ Communications:** Decoration for book fair. Hallway decorations by grade level, decorating outside of the hallways April 11th-13th and will be voted on the 13th. Winning grade level, each teacher gets a free book. Under the sea/Dive deep into reading is the theme.

Open Discussion

- Book Fair week is April 17th-21st.
- First grade program is April 20th at 6 pm; book fair will be open late that day.
- April 26th and May 10th school is closed to parents for STAAR testing.
- Teacher appreciation week: May 1-5. May 5th - need 10 volunteers per grade level to cover recess and lunch.

Upcoming Events

March 24- April 6th - In-line Skating 3rd and 4th grade
 April 3-6th- Penny Wars (Gigi's Playhouse)
 April 6th- Field Trip 4th graders to Sam Houston
 April 6th- Kindergarten Egg Hunt

April 7th and 10th- No School

April 14th- Field Trip 3rd graders to Houston Museum of Natural Science

April 17th- 21st- Book Fair

April 20th- 1st grade program

April 26th - May 10th - Closed Campus for STARR Testing

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 11:15 a.m. in the library.

Minutes compiled by Leslie Loayza, Powell PTO Secretary