

April 1, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Amanda North Elementary General PTO Meeting

Board Members in Attendance:

Nicole Keswani-President, Jocelyn DiRienzo-Vice President, Danielle Freeman-VP of Events, Bethany Vriseman-VP of Marketing, Christine Johnson- Recording Secretary, Amy Martin-Treasurer, Megan Hartsfield- Membership Secretary, Jessica Sandoval-VP of Volunteers, Mallory DarcyVP of Staff Support, Amanda Abele-Room Parent coordinator, Jacob Court- Web Master

Meeting was called to order by President Nicole Keswani at 10:00 a.m. The list of items to be discussed on the agenda include: President's Report; Treasurer's Report; Election of the 2024-2025 Executive Board Members; Spirit Nights/Events; Teacher Appreciation; and Year in Review.

President's Report:

President Nicole Keswani opened the meeting by discussing how the first year of the school opening had its challenges and thanked the room for everyone's support thus far. All the events this year have been successful and looking forward to the first annual Coyote Carnival she believes will be a hit as well.

She shared the news of the shade structure set to be installed this summer with funds provided from PTO as well as other ideas that have been discussed in need of around the school for the improvement of the school in the future. Of course all ideas will be discussed and voted on before the next school year budget.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report will be presented by Amy Martin. Including review of cash flow, budget, and assets for April financials and the full 23-24 school year. The PTO account is at Regions Bank. If you have any questions or concerns Amy is happy to talk directly with you. PTO will remain completely transparent with the school's yearly budget and cash flow information.

Teacher Appreciation:

Mallory discussed the upcoming Teacher Appreciation set for 4/24/2024 it is a potato bar provided by Texas Roadhouse. She is considering adding a protein such as barbeque from Martin's purchased with available sponsorship credit the board has with Martin's.

Mallory also discussed the décor wishlist she will be sharing via Amazon. She plans to email the parents with donation requests in April.

Teacher Appreciation Week was announced for the week of May 6-10. Decades themed days with different treats and activities planned for the staff each day of the week. Detailed emails will be sent out closer to date.

Lastly Mallory reviewed the year's monthly teacher appreciation lunches. All were highly successful, and she had great feedback from several staff members. She went on to say how amazing and generous all the families were with donations, and she couldn't have done it without so much support from volunteers and her committee members as well.

Events:

The next spirit night will be April 2nd at Martins.

Danielle also discussed the years past events and the upcoming Coyote Carnival. She will be seeking volunteers and asked for anyone interested to please reach out. Flyers will be coming home soon with the kids. Presale tickets and wristbands are on-line until Wednesday April 10th.

President Nicole Keswani stepped in with ideas for next year. Including a mascot event to name and build the Amanda North Coyote. A spring dance is another idea that will be considered.

Year In Review:

Nicole discussed the extensive list of achievements from the PTO this year.

-\$10,000 to teacher wishlists, (It was divided amongst teachers was used for anything the teachers thought would benefit their classroom directly)

-PBIS Program start up fund

-School Beautification projects (frames around the school, office décor, breakroom decor)

- Teacher Morale and Appreciation Days

-Back to School luncheon for the teachers

-3 Major Events

-Movie Night

-Parents Night Out

Spring Carnival

-Student Appreciation Week

-Teacher Appreciation Week

-Several Smaller Events PTO help contribute to were;

Read Across America Week

Popsicles for students

Hot Chocolate for students

Steam Night

Election of the 2024-2025 Executive Board Members:

Current President Nicole Keswani announced all board positions for the school year 2024-2025 have an interested party and each nomination is unopposed. The nominations are as follows;

President: Nicole Keswani

First Vice President: Shannon Strauss

VP of Volunteers: Jessica Sandoval

VP of Events: Danielle Freeman

VP of Marketing: Bethany Vrisesman

VP of Staff Support: Mallory Darcy

Treasurer: Megan Hartsfield

Membership Secretary: Jocelyn DiRienzo

Recording Secretary: Amy Martin

Nicole Keswani motioned to approve the 24-25 Executive Board Members. Motion seconded by Christine Johnson; all were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am

