



**Kyrene de los Cerritos  
PTO General Meeting  
Aug 10, 2010  
Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Erica Riordan, President, at 3:00PM.  
Attendees for the meeting were as follows:

**PTO Board:**

**President** Erica Riordan  
**Secretary** Mary Axelrod  
**Financial Secretary** Andrea Cordero  
**Hospitality** Maria Blewster  
**Historian** Janet Mooneyham  
**Volunteer Coord.** Nan Stanley  
**Principal** Darcy DiCosmo  
**Teacher Rep.** Eric Guerrero

**Vice President** Stephanie Hayden  
**Treasurer** Joan Sample  
**Communications** Susan Kovacs  
**Hospitality** JaNae Barrow  
**Volunteer Coord.** Lorinda Thompson  
**Teacher Rep.** Amy Hunt  
**Student Advisor** Kelley Brunner  
**District Rep.** Patty Weegar

**General Membership:**

Rosemarie Traxler  
LeeAnn Schneider  
Karla Herder

**Welcome from Erika Riordan, President of PTO and Introductions of all members present.**

**School Updates**

\*Darcy welcomed Patty Weegar from the District Office.

\*Darcy was excited to share the success of the first two days of school. The energy of the students and staff was phenomenal and the students were excited about all of the beautiful murals and leadership quotes that were painted all over the school. The students felt a sense of ownership and the school reflects the Seven Habits and artwork of the students. She recognized the staff and all of the time and hard work they put in over the summer preparing

the school for the 2010/2011 school year. She said there were a couple of glitches with parent drop-off and pick-up, but they usually work themselves out in the first two weeks. Overall, it was an amazing start to the school year.

\*Darcy discussed teacher and district funding and the misunderstandings with the School Cents card.

\***Budget Review** –The 2010 – 2011 budget that was approved by Executive Board was reviewed on a line by line basis. (See attachment). Joan Sample reviewed what had been budgeted for income and expenses for the upcoming year line by line.

\*The board discussed that the Staff Special Request budget be divided amongst the grade levels. Resource and K-4 grades would receive \$400.00 for each grade level to use for games, special projects, field trips, etc. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade team would receive \$500.00, since there are five sections of fifth grade. There was some discussion about the importance of the Music, Art, and P.E. teacher each receiving a budget line for special projects, supplies, and equipment. Stephanie Hayden motioned to add three equal budget lines of \$500.00 for Music, P.E. and Art, so the special area teachers have funds for new instruments, performances, materials and supplies. Mary Axelrod seconded the motion. All present voted in agreement.

\*The Teacher Grants will be given twice a year. All requests should be submitted in writing and voted on by the board.

\*Rosemarie Traxler and LeAnn Schneider (Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students) proposed that the PTO help fund 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion/Party. After some discussion, Janet Mooneyham motioned to vote for a set dollar amount of \$10.00 per child, equaling a budget line of \$1500.00 for Fifth Grade Promotion/Party. The motion was denied, feeling that the amount was too high and that the PTO needed to re-evaluate our budget after the Fall Fundraisers. Upon further discussion, Janet Mooneyham motioned to vote for a budget line of \$750.00 for the 5th Grade Promotion/Party. Stephanie Hayden seconded the motion. All present voted in agreement.

Following the review and discussion, Janet Mooneyham made a motion to approve the budget, Stephanie Hayden seconded the motion. All present voted in agreement.

### **Committee Updates:**

\* Hospitality – Hospitality will be providing dinner for the teachers on their Curriculum Nights. They will be getting pizza and salad from Florencia and will have it ready for the teachers at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday evening (August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>). Maria and JeNae did a great job providing dinner for the teachers on “Meet Your Teacher” night. The teachers loved the food!

\* Volunteer Sign-ups for 2010 – 2011 School Year – Volunteer Sign-ups that were posted during “Meet Your Teacher” will be re-posted for the two Curriculum Nights.

\* Fall Carnival – Canceled, instead we will have a Spring Carnival on March 4, 2011.

\*Decades Dance – ***Date Change!!!*** Currently on the School Calendar as the Sock Hop on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> will be moved to a new date, Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please notify families.

\*Spring Carnival – Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Will take the place of the Fall Carnival (Mary Axelrod Chair)

\*Art Masterpiece – Start volunteer sign-up on Curriculum Night.

\*Book Fair – Rhonda Smith Chair

\*Spirit Wear – Monica Hedeby and Sydney Sterling will head this committee

\* Yearbook – Frances Brakebill did a great job with yearbook sales on “Meet Your Teacher” night. The total sales for “Meet Your Teacher” were \$923.00.

\*School Store – Will start in two weeks.

\*Square 1 Art – Will be held in the Fall this year. Date to be announced. Stephanie Hayden Chair.

\*Pumpkin Walk – Will be held on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> . Mary Axelrod Chair

\*Holiday Boutique – Chaired by Vicki

\*Chairs and volunteers are still needed for several committees. Lorinda will keep the Volunteer Sign –ups posted in the hallway until after Curriculum Night and the board will provide updates next month.

### **New Business:**

\*Special Project – There are currently no special projects.

\* Cerritos Family Night – Will be held once a month and the board members will be responsible for arranging their assigned month.

\* Otter Pop Fridays – Will start this Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be selling them during the warm weather, approximately August – October and April –May. The board will share the responsibility of selling the Otter Pops on Fridays.

\*School Directories - PDF File only (Parents can print/save them on their computers)

\*Beep Beep Deadline – The deadline is Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for all submittals to Susan Kovacs.

\*The PTO will no longer accept credit cards, due to the high cost of service fees.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Mary Axelrod.

Attachments: Agenda, Approved 2010-2011 budget