



**University Academy P.T.O.
Membership Minutes
September 16, 2014
University Academy**

Meeting was called to order by President Lacey Obos at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was delayed due to heavy traffic.

Execute Board Reports

President - Lacey Obos

Meeting schedule was described, as they will be alternating monthly morning and evening. October's meeting will be in the morning, etc.

Our first Book Fair will be September 29 - October 3rd. Theme is Sir Read A Lots Castle. Hours will be 7:30 - 4:30 p.m. We will have some special family times, such as Muffins with Moms, Donuts with Dads, and a Grand Event. Goal is to help with building our classroom libraries.

Rock and Roll Academy - Kelly Forehand spoke with an update
We had a Ribbon Cutting prior to the meeting, and wanted to thank the Caspary and Hilton Families for their generous \$5,000 each donations for the Rock Academy. Also to recognize the Gayle Littleton & Andrew Levy family and Mark and Laura Brown.

T-Shirt/Sprit Day - will be on the same day as our member meetings. For a \$1.00 students will be allowed to wear their spirit shirts and jeans to school.

School Store will have items for the students to purchase and will be available potentially for October.

Clothes Closet - will have gently used school uniforms ONLY. We will make them available at our member meetings to allow parents to purchase items for their child at a very discounted price. Clothing is also made available for the office to use for students in need or for any accidents a student might have. We encourage parents to still bring in their gently used uniforms at anytime to the school for our closet.

Vice President - Jenny Beighey

Reported that there will be a copy of the proposed bylaws showing the needed changes coming via email soon. Members will vote on these proposed changes at the October meeting.

Secretary - Vicki Ray

Vicki presented the May Minutes to the members and asked if there were any questions - A Motion was made to Approve the May Minutes by Robin Gillam-Jenkins and seconded - Motion was Approved

A PTO 2014-2015 Calendar had been distributed to the membership to show what we have planned for the year and pointed out some of the future events.

Membership Update was given - at this time we have brought in \$850 from 85 families which is over our \$750 goal! This includes 131 students out of our 318 student body.

Treasurer - Valerie Voorheis

Valerie presented the PTO Budget for 2014-2015

A Motion was made to approve of the Budget for 2014 - 2015 by Andre' Boyd and seconded - Motion was Approved

Monthly Financial Report was shared, along with the separate spreadsheet for the Rock and Roll. A report will be shared monthly with the membership, the Financial Report is always approved by the PTO Board in a prior meeting.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee - Kelley Caspary

Shared the events and fundraising opportunities planned

Book Fair - Sept/Oct; Fall Festival - October; Father/Daughter Dance - February; Mother/Son Picnic - March; 5K Run - April; and the Original Art Works project students are beginning to work on now.

Restaurant Nights at Sonny's, Chili's, Chill Yogurt - where we made \$70 last week

We have a chart to show our progress and so far we have \$14,000 with a goal of \$25,000

Room Parent Support Committee - Danielle Heller

Introduction of the Room Parents

Explained her role as liaison of parents and teachers

Busy working on the Fall Festival - each class is responsible for a booth and an auction basket. Room parents will need help with working the booths and supplying of the items for prizes and basket items.

One thing the classes are in need of are new headphones for their new computers.

Communications - Andre' Boyd

Will have a monthly Newsletter

Look forward to FaceBook posts, please like our University Academy Face Book page

Will handle any and all news and social media

Fundraising Efforts for Education Committee - Rebecca Lee

Will need help with writing of grants

And will begin having meetings on Thursday

Hospitality Committee - Kim Malik

Her first event is a Drink Drive to bring in drinks for the events she has to provide drinks for this year. She is challenging the classes each week and will give the class who bring in the most with a popsicle party. It began this week and so far has brought in over 100 in just 2 days!

GO DEEP - Adam Good (K-2), Bridgette Jencks (3-5)

Reported they are here to support the teachers to give them more time to prepare for their classes. They pull resources and look for speakers for the classes based on the subject they are working on.

Adam reported that the Kindergarten classes will be having a Community Day on October 8th.

Teacher Liaison

Lacey announced that our Teacher Liaison was 1st grade teacher Vanessa Maulden, she will help with the communication between teachers and the PTO.

Open Dialogue for Membership

It was asked if there will be an Open House at the school?

Principals Report

Reported that 90% of our students are picked up from school. Pick up is complete within 16 minutes on the average!

Basic playground equipment is in and cost \$43,000; Thank you to Byrd Enterprise (\$1000) and Allstate Construction (\$3000) for their generous donations for the sand.

More equipment will be added gradually, along with Basketball, volleyball etc. Hoping for the help of the PTO in continuing to help with the additions of those efforts.

An Open House will be held in the second 9 weeks time frame. This will give the teachers a chance to get a little more organized in their new space.

Transportation is not giving us buses for our own use and they are in control of the schedule.

Chartwell's is who we are contracted with by the school district for our lunch program. The food is much better this year, and there are hot meals and the participation has increased.

Mrs. Vandergrift reported that she has an open door policy and is available to any parent or student and this school was built for our children, and to be a great place to go to!

Our middle school Charter notification was to be Oct 1st but we were asked to grant a months extension, so will now be Nov 1. She does not foresee any problems, especially with our students scores from last year!

Unfinished Business

Tiles are completed! Kelly Forehand received a call stating that our tiles were finished! These tiles are self portraits that were made last year by the students to be hung in the school to commemorate the first years for the Charter school.

Announcements

Drawing Winners - Bennigan's - Brad Stephens

Chili's - Wayne Risinger

Adjournment - 7:03 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by Vicki Ray Secretary

Next UA PTO Meeting - Tuesday, October 21 at 8:15 a.m.