



Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2021 | 7:00pm | Meeting called to order by Kerrie Mallory-Thompson

In Attendance via Zoom

Kerrie Mallory-Thompson – PTA President
Sarabeth Urech – PTA Vice President
Seth Peneyra – PTA Treasurer
Charlie Vargas – PTA Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Kerrie Mallory-Thompson. Meeting Minutes from all meetings and recordings will be made available on the PTA Website. Kerrie went over the Mission Statement and introduced the board members. We currently have 47 paid members of the PTA and 3 PTA Ambassadors from the staff.

Treasurer's Report – Seth

October Profit and Loss
Expenses – made \$61 payment to the AZ State PTA for memberships
Income - \$500 Grant from Bank of America
Some deposits that will show up on next month's report
\$71.14 from Peter Piper Pizza Fundraiser
\$396.96 from Fall Book Fair Fundraiser

Reminder: ONLY paid PTA members can vote on budget items and have a say where PTA funds are spent
We have money set aside in the budget to sponsor a teacher appreciation event for the holidays.

Group discussed a possible potluck and getting parents to sign up to send in potluck food and then using the budgeted funds to purchase a gift for the teachers. Members feel in general that a potluck would be a great idea for the teachers. We do believe that we have about 300 staff to feed. Another member suggested we could also do a potluck and then supplement with some PTA purchased pizzas. Another member suggested a Starbucks and pastries teacher appreciation breakfast. Group consensus was to reach out to the school with a poll and find out what would be a good day to host a teacher appreciation potluck. We would want to try to keep the appreciation under the \$500 we had budgeted and approved as a PTA.

Secretary's Report – Charlie Vargas

Bake Sale on Fri

Link to sign up for Bake Sale is on FB and emailed out
You can donate anything you like, just no peanuts
You can also sign up to help at the table for anytime, your student is welcome to join us

Table will be set up in the lobby on the Thursday before to collect donations
AZ Autism United has an after-school program at the AZACS Main Campus
They want to grow, they are struggling to hire enough staff
You can email PTA and we will get you in touch with the director of the after-school program for more info or if you know someone who might be interested in working at the program

President's Report – Kerrie Mallory-Thompson

Prom Committee page is now up on PTA website

We really need a parent to step up and volunteer to take the lead in coordinating a spring event. It might not necessarily be a Prom, so we are calling it a spring event.

Door Decorating Contest was very successful. We had 2,000 votes and great participation!

Winners were presented with trophies and gift cards

Education Accreditation

Cognia Academy will be coming to our school in February

Denise Ballard let us know that the school is in the process of getting accreditation with the accreditation committees coming onto campus. The school does not have a lack of evidence for proving what they've done, so the process seems to be going smoothly.

The benefits are that our credit courses will be transferable to other institutions and students who graduate will have a diploma from an accredited school when applying to college.

www.cognia.org has more info about accreditation

Weather is getting colder, don't forget winter AZACS Swag from the Swag store

Vice President's Report

YES Day for Autism went very well and was successful

AZACS raised over \$15,478 from the YES Day for Autism event

You can sign up for Remind texts from the PTA, just text @8H9KAF to the number 81010 to sign up

AZACS School board gives a 24-hour advance notice of meetings on the school website under About and Meeting Notices

Announcements

Fri. 11/19 – PTA Bake Sale

Tues. 11/23 – AZACS Spirit Day

Wed. 11/24 – 11/26 – NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 9th 2021, 7:00pm via zoom

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm