

MINUTES

Louisa May Alcott Elementary PTA Minutes November 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Kelly Mattingly at 7:50 a.m.

Board Members Attending

Kelly Mattingly, President
Femina Mildh, Vice-President
Cathy Bohnet, Secretary
Sherry Schneider, Treasurer

Crystal Milosh, Auditor
Heather Stojilkovic, Historian
Melissa Rivera, Hospitality
Michelle Riley, Principal

Guests

Maureen Martin, Dine Out Nights Chair
Becky Griep, Infant/Toddler Program
Cara Graham, Teacher

Amanda Titilii, KONA Ice Fundraiser Chair
Yvonne Gillis, Former Alcott staff member
Erin Summers, Teacher/Wellness Initiative Chair

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the October 10, 2019 meeting and approved. Motion by Cathy; second by Femina.

Erin Summers – Wellness Ideas

Erin is Alcott's new Wellness Committee Chairperson. This is a District wide initiative. Erin asked for volunteer committee members. Cmte. to meet 4 times per year. Cmte. to come up with goals for students, staff, and families.

- Ideas include: Healthy Celebrations Packs (board games, outdoor games, birthday packs) that can be checked out. \$25 or less per pack/bin.

Treasurer's Report

- Sherrie presented the Treasurer's Report for review and approval. Ratification of checks #2002-2007. Motion by Sherrie; second by Crystal. Approved.
- Fall Festival raised \$3,315.

Principal's report

- Mrs. Polis is giving classes to students on how to prevent getting lice.
- Student recognition assembly did not happen in October; there will be one in November.
- Mrs. Riley has been going to Science Professional Development (PD) training. Science PD is ongoing.
- Lifehouse coaching to start for Special Education and General Educ. teachers re: inclusion and how to co-teach.
 - 4 Pre-school teachers, 2 Infant/Toddler teachers, and 4 Elementary teachers involved.
- English Language Development (ELD) coaching cycle started Monday, 11/4.
- Room B3 is getting new computers. Cara Graham's 1st grade class should get new ones also.

President's Report

- Kona Ice fundraiser ended Thursday, 11/7/19. Fundraiser to start again in spring.
- Popcorn sales fundraiser will start on Fridays after school after Kona fundraiser ends.
- Jamba Juice card fundraiser update:
 - Cards are \$5 for \$10 worth of product. 34 cards remained from Becky Griep's Infant/Toddler fundraiser. Tyler took the remaining cards and has sold 22 to date. Four (4) cards were used at Fall Festival for costume prizes. 55 additional cards purchased.
- Becky Griep is the new Infant/Toddler liaison to the PTA Board.

Open Table

Drumming update (Heather) – All positive feedback received from staff and students. Parents are invited to final class (drumming showcase) next week. Next Friday, 11/8, is a make-up drumming day due to Apex fun run event on 11/7.

Ryan Bros. Coffee update (Heather) - Some negative feedback received that another fundraiser is too soon on heels of Apex event. However, the Holiday Blend is only offered this time of year. Maybe we just do this as a 'passive fundraiser' and not send home backpack flyers. Suggestion made to bring this fundraiser back in the spring instead around Mother's Day.

Apex update from Cathy – Fun Run is tomorrow. Preliminary profit of \$3,700 with pledges to date. Post run snacks (oranges and granola bars) to be purchased today. We have 8 volunteers confirmed to help mark laps. "Share" feature utilizing emails/Facebook/Instagram has not been used as much this year, perhaps this is why donations have not been as high as last year.

Elissa is organizing the Thankful Grams – Grams to be sold for \$0.50. Turkey shaped snack bags filled with popcorn and rainbow colored goldfish to be sold for \$1.

Book Fair update (Femina) – Scheduled for November 18-22, before and after school.

Fall Festival wrap up (Femina) – Successful event that raised \$3,315.

- Suggestion made to hold event one hour earlier, 3-5 p.m., as it was dark during cleanup.
- Opinion still split on having event Friday night vs. Saturday late afternoon.
- Square online payments worked great! (People don't carry cash as much anymore).

Next PTA Board meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned 8:24 a.m.