

**GOVERNOR'S RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA UNAPPROVED
MINUTES**

August 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Stipp called meeting to order at 7:11pm.

ATTENDEES

President Tom Stipp, 1st Vice President Tamra VanNorstrand, 2nd Vice President Marnie O'Connor, 3rd Vice President Principal Will Morton and Secretary Jayme Piegat were all present from the Executive Board along with 12 members. Treasurer Kristen Colonell was absent.

APPROVAL OF MEETING

MOTION

Lori Elvera moved to start the meeting.
Motion was seconded.

VOTE All in favor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Lori Elvera moved to approve the agenda as is.
Motion was seconded.

VOTE All in favor.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes from the May 20, 2009 meeting were read. There were two corrections that are to be made.

1. A correction to Lori Elvera's name.
2. A correction to Tamra VanNorstrand's name.

MOTION

Rhonda Browne moved to approve the amended minutes.
Motion was seconded.

VOTE All in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*** GOALS FOR THE 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

1. Providing the current programs the best we can.
2. Keep moving forward with the Finance Committee.
3. Redo the Bylaws.
4. Revise the Standing Rules.

*** COMMUNICATION**

The PTA Website is our key tool in communicating. Mike Merino is the new Webmaster.

*** MEET AND GREET**

This was the first time the PTA has ever hosted a Hot Dog roast during Meet and Greet. Overall it was a great success. The Board is looking forward to doing it in the years to come.

*** RACCOON RALLIES**

Dads and Doughnuts- 50 children signed up. A total of 76 have signed up so far.
Sundaes on Sunday - This event is scheduled for September 13, 2009. Cost is \$5 per child, limited to 50 tickets.
Moms and Muffins- This event is scheduled for September 18, 2009. It is limited to 50 tickets.

Raccoon Rallies are part of the Silent Auction that took place this past school year and all monies raised from these events will be used to offset Silent Auction expenses.

*** ROOM PARENTS**

Currently there are two classrooms in need of a room parent. Committee Chair Katie Sheehan has notified all parents in these classes. There is a Halloween Party and Holiday Party. There will be NO VALENTINE party this year due to a four-day weekend.

*** COMMITTEES IN NEED**

If a committee position is not filled within 2 months of the event, the event does not happen. The following committees are without a chair as of today's date: Girl's Event (possible volunteer), LMC – assisting Librarian, Parent Enrichment, Reflections, Science Fair, Silent Auction 2010-2011, Spaghetti Dinner, Talent Show, and Yearbook.

*** CLOTHING SALE**

The annual clothing sale is October 16th & 17th. It is GRE's biggest fundraiser bringing in approximately \$15,000. It is in need of volunteers.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Will Morton reported that GRE NEWS went out electronically. Hard copies are always available in the main office for those who need them.

Curriculum night is tomorrow night August 27th, K – 3rd grade is from 6pm – 7pm. 4th and 5th are from 7: 15 to 8:15. 6th grade will be combining the required outdoor lab orientation with the curriculum night taking both allotted time frames.

A member asked when the CSAP results would be back. Principal Will Morton mentioned that they are usually back by August but this year they have still not arrived. Once they are here the process usually takes about six weeks to complete. This year the results will be going home in envelopes.

There was concern about how the budget cuts were affecting the school. Principal Will Morton mentioned that the district as a whole is 8% less than the year previous. Everyone is seeing it across the board from purchasing to hiring.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Dan Elvera reported the following on the Finance Committee:

On August 12, 2009 the Audit was completed.

The Finance Committed met to discuss the surplus of money that is sitting in an account. Last year it totaled \$90,000. Currently it totals \$78,000. The committee came up with a plan of action starting with creating a sub-committee made up of three parents and three staff members that will come up with ideas on how to responsibly spend the money down. The group must have a lot of good energy and be fair in all thinking. Their job is then to prioritize those ideas that would utilize the funds. The Finance Committee will be scheduling a meeting to create guidelines on how the group goes about adding staff members and parents. Dan mentioned that there is a fine line between what we do now and what we do for the future. The goal is to size it, prioritize it and decide how to spend it. He will be posting an update to the PTA Website for the whole school.

BUDGET

There will be a finalized budget once the Committee Chair meeting happens sometime in September.

*** AUDIT**

Ken Dugger reported that the Audit went very well. Treasurer Kristen Colonell has done an excellent job in keeping the books and receipts. The three different accounts were added up and spot-checked all the dates. It ended up being over one tenth of 1% and was taken as a write off.

MOTION

Kaycee Ferrell moved to approve the Audit as it stands.
Motion was seconded.

VOTE

All in favor.

MEMBERSHIP

Marnie O'Connor has had a great response for membership. There is currently 168 PTA members. In September the PTA pizza drive will take place. The National PTA has made a goal to see more male members and involvement; Marnie has taken that same goal on.

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS

Marnie O'Connor reassured everyone that this new application is completely SPAM proof and password protected. This is GRE's tester year to see how it works. Hopefully in the future this will eliminate all paper directories and it will connect the teachers to families in a more informative way. Just Between Friends also connects all elementary, middle and high schools.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

MOTION

Lori Elvera moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

LOOKING AHEAD

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Library.