



SYCAMORE RIDGE

PTA Meeting 10/09/2025

Attendance: Kate Kim, Kathy O'Neil, Sara Lake, Bianca Plotkin, Jody Folk, Britta Loesel, Ana Pons, Sandy Tanaka, Sesilie Bascombe, Heather Wesselo, Kathy O'Neil

Location: Sycamore Elementary School

Conflict of Interest & Antitrust Avoidance Affirmation: All attendees affirmed that they are not engaging in any conflicts of interest or activities violating antitrust regulations.

Welcome/Call to Order:

- Kate called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

Approvals:

- **September Minutes** – Motion to approve by Kate; seconded by Bianca and Jody. *All in favor.*
- **Checks #3746-3763** – Motion to approve by Sara and Bianca. *All in favor.*
- **Treasurer Report (September)** – Motion to approve by Priya and Britta. *All in favor.*

Committee & Program Reports

- **Annual Giving Campaign (Sara & Sandy)**
 - Campaign complete: \$37,410 raised with 56% participation (higher participation than last year).
 - Corporate Matching: \$8,450 received so far.
 - Popsicle Party: October 16, 2:10–2:30 p.m.
 - Swag: To be distributed in October. Cassia placed orders early to reduce costs.
 - Planning to adjust the budget to reflect this year's participation level as the new baseline.

- **Stallion Sprinters**
 - Began September 26; going well.

- **Red Ribbon Week (Bianca)**
 - Successful and well-received.
 - The apple count and prizes were perfect.
 - The bike show was a highlight—students had a great time.
 - Collaboration with various companies brought discounts.
 - Stayed on budget.

- **Drama Club (Sara & Priya)**
 - Five scholarships awarded.
 - Enrollment is consistent with last year.
 - Operations are improving each year with more vendor and set experience.
 - Tickets go on sale tomorrow.
 - Plan to explore using the Membership Toolkit for future ticket sales and advertising.
 - Promotion via emails, Wednesday folder flyers, and marquee.
 - STEAM Night flyers to include Drama Club updates.

- **Spirit Wear**
 - Plan to create a consistent logo that will be used for several years.
 - Store closes Sunday.
 - Sara recommends having all items on hand before distribution.
 - Keep popular items for sale at school events.
 - Encourage 5th graders to design logos and submit artwork for future collections.

- **Book Fair (Jennifer)**
 - Partnering with Scholastic this year.
 - Volunteer signup link coming soon.
 - Set-up will take place after the Halloween Parade.
 - E-wallet: Remaining funds will convert into gift cards for library donations.
 - Accepted payments: cash, credit card, and e-wallet.

Other Discussions

- Some parents have expressed concerns about how PTA funds are allocated.
- Consider sending polls or surveys to gather feedback.
- Improve communication around how funds are used and decisions are made.
- Kindergarten contributions are lower this year (opposite trend from prior years).
- DMSEF requested to include their fundraiser messaging in PTA communications—decision: no, to avoid confusion.

- PTA is currently funding TK mini-grants, though the district should ideally cover these.
- Additional discussion about clarifying roles and communication between PTA and district funding sources.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:20 a.m.

The next PTA Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, at 9:15 AM at Sycamore Ridge.

Ana Pons

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