

# Kolter Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) General Meeting Minutes

**Monday, April 11, 2011**

**Members Present:** members present (see attached sign-in sheet)

**Call to order:**

President, Anne Hodgson, called the meeting to order at the Kolter Elementary Cafeteria on April 11, 2011, at 6:44 PM. A quorum was present.

**New Business**

**Officer Election-** President Hodgson introduced the chair to the Nominating committee, Ms. Laura Nepveux. Ms. Nepveux went through the candidates nominated. The officers nominated for office for the 2011-2012 school year are Cynthia Ruiz Mansfield for President, Stacy Schwartzberg and Mellissa Kalmans will share the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Janis Fishman Goldstein as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Keith Desrosiers as Treasurer, Mary Lowery as Assistant Treasurer, Laura Nepveux as Secretary, Lisa Sutton as VIPS Coordinator and Anne Hodgson as Immediate Past President. The paper ballots were distributed and votes were tendered.

**Treasurer's Term-** President Hodgson explained the Treasurer submitted her resignation earlier this year but was still serving in that capacity until a replacement could be found. Mr. Desrosiers is agreeable to stepping into the role of Treasurer immediately. A Motion was made to have Keith Desrosiers to immediately take over the position of Treasurer separate and apart from his term to office, if elected. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Principal's Report**

Principal Stewart discussed changes effecting Kolter per the budget issues that results in \$275 less per student. The Librarian position will remain open but our current librarian will be replaced with a teacher with a continuing contract since Ms. Simms is on a probationary contract (which merely means she has been teaching for less than 3 years). Parents asked questions about the librarian position. Ms. Stewart does not get a choice in the librarian that is assigned to Kolter.

Ms. Stewart discussed the Art Program at Kolter and because Ms. Brown retired, we would have another teacher from another campus that would be placed at Kolter if the position was not closed. Instead, the position was closed and the current idea of how art will be provided is that the children will still go to Art once a week but with their magnet teacher. We will continue with the rodeo program and other significant art programs.

Ms. Stewart explained that Kolter will lose the ½ time counselor (savings of 30k) and lose those positions. Ms. Stewart hopes to use Ms. Kearney & Ms. Jordan (Title I coord) in other capacities that benefit the campus.

Ms. Stewart further explained that the Reception desk & copy room will need to be staffed. The budget will be cut for supplies by \$20,000.

Question asked about replacing retired positions and Ms. Stewart explained that as for teachers who retired, Ms. Stewart gets to replace the position (specifically referencing Ms. Rapp's retirement).

A question was asked about school time start- Ms. Stewart sent email about difficulty in changing times and there has been no definitive answer, to date. Ms. Stewart asked parents to forward any concerns to her.

**Officer's Reports:**

**Secretary's report:** Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield, Secretary

1. Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield presented the meeting minutes for approval. Ms. Staci Beinart motioned to waive reading & approve March General Meeting minutes. Ms. Pilar Hernandez seconded. Membership voted. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Angie Pettigrew

1. Ms. Pettigrew reviewed with the membership the income from various events- Cookie dough fundraiser (\$3,700 profit), Bingo Night 9K and other miscellaneous expenses & income.

### **Committee Reports:**

1. Beach Blanket Bingo- 1<sup>st</sup> budgeted 9k

Allison ran auction items and did a great job. Additional fundraisers remain open.

- a. Teacher for the day closed.
  - b. Used service team- scouts to serve as volunteers
2. Cookie Dough sales- Lisa Sutton- reported on good response to pick up
  3. VIPS- Volunteer Appreciation Week- Lisa thanked all the volunteers- May 4<sup>th</sup>
  4. Teacher Appreciation—May 6<sup>th</sup> week
  5. May 2- children might be treated to BMX bike show for participation in fundraiser
  6. Art fundraiser- Tammy Cooper- Art went to original works... orders expected to come in 22<sup>nd</sup> plan to arrive before Mother's Day
  7. School Supplies- Erica Chretien- finalizing pricing, will sell through end of June.

### **Election Results**

Ms. Tagetmeier reported on the ballot counting and reported to membership the slate was voted and approved. The officers to serve for the 2011-12 school year and will begin serving upon swearing in at the next meeting will be: Cynthia Ruiz Mansfield for President, Stacy Schwartzberg and Melissa Kalmans will share the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Janis Fishman Goldstein as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Keith Desrosiers as Treasurer, Mary Lowery as Assistant Treasurer, Laura Nepveux as Secretary, Lisa Sutton as VIPS Coordinator and Anne Hodgson as Immediate Past President.

Ms. Goldstein motioned to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes compiled by:

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Cyndi Ruiz-Mansfield, Kolter PTO Secretary