

Coulson Tough PTO
General Meeting MINUTES
September 8, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 1:39pm

Executive Committee Present: Heather Pine, Vikki Clove, Jaime Stickler, Courtney Llamas, Stevi Venable, Julie Hinson, Michelle Marsh

Members present: Meghan Soell, Amanda Jones, Sarah Kimmel, Christy Julien, Tracy VanDorselaer, Lisa Briscoe, Tiffany Wrkich, Candance Mc Mahon, Niki Bailey, Deepa Adur, Sunnye Nowlin, Susan Mc Lean, Erin Baker Michaelis, Laura McCabe, Bethany McCauley, Josie Torres, Sheila Perks, Lauren Mourtisen, Angie DeMarco, Vandara Nair, Ursula Masters, Joie Roces, Erin Macicek, Stephanie Armstreet, Melissa Haden, Jessica Waters, Becky Stiles, Kelly Kessner, Yvette Gwynne, Leah Turnbull, Brie Tupper, Meg Martinez, Shawn Creswell,

Principal Report-Shawn Creswell

- There are approximately 950 students at the school this year which represents a slight decrease in enrollment due primarily to the fact that the students in the surrounding areas are getting older and construction in the area is mostly complete.
- This year the school started the Autism Intervention and Management (AIM) program. This program will serve autistic students throughout CISD.
- The new concrete pad was installed under the Biker B bike racks. All funds, planning and construction for this project was provided by CISD.
- Updates from the Counselors:
 - Jessica Waters provided a brief overview of the Dogs of Character program utilizing rescue dogs to teach empathy and reinforce the character traits taught in school. Students will hear the dog's stories and will learn how these dogs persevered. The cost for this program is \$1250.
 - Becky Stiles emphasized the importance of working on empathy and resiliency with all students and their parents. She recommended a book club/study of the book "The Resilience Breakthrough".
 - Jamie Stickler moved to increase the budget by \$1250 to pay for the rescue dog presentation to the students. Courtney Lamas seconded the motion and the measure was passed by a majority vote of the members present.
- Christy Julian is working with CISD Police Chief Harness to provide a parent seminar on drugs and alcohol and possibly a future program on social media. They are also working on rolling out the DARE program.
- Meg Martinez provided an update on the roll out of the new reading program. Kits for teachers were purchased and the classrooms have received their leveled reading libraries. Teacher training has occurred and the program is currently in use in the classrooms. Additional materials including an additional manual, shared teacher books and little sets for the classrooms may also be required.
- Kelly Kessner provided an overview of the Math conference that 10 teachers from Coulson Tough attended in San Antonio. The 10 teachers who attended have shared this information with other teachers who were not able to attend.

President-Heather Pine

- Welcome and introduction of the new Executive Board
- If you would like to receive the ICalendar, please request it from Heather.

VP Fundraising-Jamie Stickler

- Fall Festival-
 - Festival will be held on October 14th
 - Meeting for the Fall Festival Committee will be September 9th at 2pm.

- This year's coin drive will be October 3rd-7th
- We are still looking for game sponsors
- There will be no live auction this year. All items will be available through the online silent auction. The Silent Auction will begin the Monday before Fall Festival.
- September 30th will be the deadline for all donations to classroom baskets.

VP Membership-Courtney Llamas

- Currently still conducting this year's membership drive
- You can visit ctpto.org to join
- Please check to see if you or your spouse work for a company that matches donations or provides donations for hours volunteered

VP Programs-Stevi Venable

- Overview of upcoming field trips
 - 4th grade will be going to the George Bush Library
 - 6th grade will go to the Houston Museum of Natural Science
 - 1st grade will take a tour/learn about grocery shopping and nutrition at HEB
 - Kindergarten is planning to visit the fire station

Spiritwear-Stevi Venable

- All inventory is currently online

Treasurer-Vikki Clove

- See attached budget dated September 8, 2016
- New to the PTO insurance policy is a "Social Media Rider" which will be an additional cost of \$130 and provide insurance to the PTO in the event that there would be any losses due to social media activities on behalf of the PTO.
 - Jamie Stickler moved to include this rider in the PTO insurance policy. Courtney Llamas seconded and the measure was approved by a vote of the membership.
- If you need a check from Vikki, please text her a copy of the check request at (805) 889-8411 or leave it in her box in the workroom.

Library Coordinator-Leah Turnbull-We are still looking for library volunteers. If interested please contact Leah at leahturnbull@sbcglobal.net.

Partner Share-Joie Rocas-Our first Spirit Night will be at Chick-fil-a in Alden Bridge on September 29th.

School Store-Bethany McCauley-Supplies are being ordered so that the store can occur on the first Thursday and Friday of the month.

Teacher Appreciation-Ursula Masters-First teacher appreciation will be September 30th and will have an International Theme.

Meeting adjourned-3:00pm

Next Meeting-October 6th, 1:30pm