



## MINUTES

### Coronado Elementary PTO General Board Meeting

August 3, 2021

PTO Members: Taryn Corbin (VP), Matt Logan (Treasurer), Deana Blakeney (Secretary, Nacole Dobay (Fundraising Chair), Brooke Ewing (President), Kim Monroe (Communications), Kristin Furneaux (Hospitality Chair), and Dani Barro-Vanderberg (Spiritwear Coordinator)

Open: 6:02pm

1. **Welcome (Brooke)**
2. **Kevin Johnson- CPA (Taryn)**
  - a. Tax Credits- dollar for dollar - donate directly to the school
    - i. Married- \$400 (\$45,000 or more in income)
    - ii. Single or Head of Household-\$200 (\$20,000 single/ \$30,000 for Head of Household)
  - b. Tax Deductions-
    - i. Reduces your income if you itemize
    - ii. Donation to the PTO
    - iii. Has to be an approved organization
3. **Introduce Board Members**
4. **Treasurer's Report (Matt)**
5. **2021-22 Budget Presentation (Matt)**
  - a. Income- \$1,350
  - b. Opening Balance-\$ 22,426.31
  - c. Ending Balance- \$ 23,742.02
  - d. Working Balance- \$8,454.77
  - e. Motion to Approve- JoAnn Lokey
  - f. Second- Taryn
  - g. Yay-All
  - h. Nay-None
6. **Utilize playground funds for school projects that the teachers propose a need for within the school- Freeing the money from the playground line item**
  - a. Background:

\$7,325.90 playground funds ie; "4-6th Grades Playground Phase 2" in the official budget: These funds, as it stands today, are required to be spent on the playground (e.g. new equipment, shade structures, etc.) as this is what was originally marketed and agreed by the parents/board members. However, given the cost of playground equipment and shade structure quotes we have received (for example \$50k for just a shade structure), as well as additional costs for install, ground prep, etc, we would need quite significantly more funds than we feel are realistic to achieve in the near term. Also, the PTO Board feels we should spend the money raised, so that parents that donated can see the money put to use, rather than sit on the funds any longer. Thus, the PTO Board proposed that we release the restriction on how the funds are spent. Our idea is to then have a "Shark Tank" type competition among the teachers, staff, and parents... where anyone in the Coronado family can propose an idea for how to spend the funds for the betterment of the kids and the school. We will write up formal details for how this would work, and how the winners would be chosen, and share with the entire Coronado family (teachers, staff, parents, etc).

- b. Next general board meeting options voted on based on the proposals made from Coronado Staff members- November 4th
- c. Must benefit the campus and stay on the campus
- d. Would like this money to be utilized this school year
- e. PTO will be transparent about the proposals and how the general board votes
  - i. Broad guidelines we are proposing as of now are:
  - ii. - Anyone in the Coronado family (ie; parents, teachers, staff) may make a proposal.
  - iii. - Must benefit the campus and stay on the campus
  - iv. - The decision on ideas that are winners, would be voted on in a future General Board meeting.
  - v. - PTO will ensure the entire process, start to finish, is fully transparent.
  - vi. - Formal rules will be written and distributed ahead of the contest.
  - vii.
  - viii. PTO discussed this topic at length with all in attendance, including Q&A.
  - ix.
  - x. Motion to Approve- Dave Corbin
  - xi. Second- Brooke Ewing
  - xii. VOTE: Yay- (21)
  - xiii. Nay-None

**7. Art Teacher- \$70 donation request (Taryn)**

- a. Pinwheels for Peace
- b. Executive board approved

**8. Classroom Parent (Brooke)**

**9. 2021-22 Events (Brooke)**

- a. Direct Donation Drive- Aug. 3rd- Aug. 20th
- b. Mid-Autumn Moon Festival- Sept. 17th
- c. Fall Festival- October 29th
- d. Chinese New Year Celebration- February 4th
- e. Readathon/Book Drive- February 22nd-March 4th
- f. Spring Fling- April 29th

**10. PTO Extracurricular Activities (Brooke)**

- a. Donuts with Grownups
- b. Boo-Hoo Yahoo
- c. Staff Breakfast
- d. Gingerbread Houses
- e. AR Class Parties
- f. Teacher holiday gifts
- g. Parent Teacher Conference Meals
- h. Restaurant Nights
- i. Spiritwear
- j. Teacher Supplies
- k. School Curriculum Software
- l. Fri-Yay
- m. Birthday board

**11. Where to Follow Online (Brooke)**

- a. [www.CoronadoPTOAZ.com](http://www.CoronadoPTOAZ.com)
- b. FB: "Coronado PTO"

**12. Spiritwear (Dani)**

- c. Dani is selling shirts and masks in person at school regularly. Also can buy online directly from the vendor. Online has various other options e.g. sweatshirts, pants, etc.

**13. Remarks from Principal Armstrong, AOB**

- a. ParentVue is the way to get communication from the school- make sure you have opted in to the receiving communication from the school
- b. Full Inclusion for everyone is the goal and the push from everyone

**14. Direct Donation Gift Basket Raffle (Taryn)**

**Closing: 7:28 PM**

**In Attendance**

Ruby Andrade

Ashley Shaw

Autumn Barber

David Corbin

Thundurn Shaw

Dennis Ratliff

Sharon Alvillar

Jenna Maley

Jessica Silashki

Samantha Gilbert

Angela Torquato

Jeff Cross

Tiffany Schultz

JoAnne Lokey