

Baymonte Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11, 2024

Location: Baymonte Christian School

Attendees

Various parents, teachers, and staff introduced themselves, including those with children in multiple grades and involvement in PTF activities.

Welcome and Introductions

Pam the PTF president, welcomed attendees and introduced the purpose of the meeting: to review recent events, discuss upcoming activities, and review volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Sheet was circulated for those interested in contributing their time, emphasizing that there is no pressure, and even small amounts of time are appreciated.

Event Recap: Ice Cream Social

Held before the start of school, featuring food trucks and an ice cream truck instead of entertainment this year. Positive feedback was received about the community atmosphere and convenience of having dinner on-site after orientations.

Discussion about whether holding the event earlier in the week (before school starts) or later (during the first week of school) works better. Consensus: this year's timing worked well, with more teachers and students attending.

Suggestions for next year:

- Possible improvements include using hand stamps to manage ice cream distribution.
- Name tags for teachers to make it easier for new families to identify them.

Drive for Schools Fundraiser

The **Drive for Schools** raffle fundraiser, in collaboration with the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, starts on Friday.

Volunteers needed for ticket counting on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. PTF is looking for additional helpers to assist with this process.

Goal: Raise approximately \$20,000 to fund teacher grants (around \$300–\$400 per teacher) for classroom needs.

Community Days Fundraising

Formerly known as Dine Out Days, this initiative partners with local businesses who donate a percentage of their profits to the school.

Scheduled events include:

- October: Bruno's
- November: Togos (date pending)

Funds raised will go toward teacher appreciation events, such as breakfasts and lunches. Volunteers are needed to assist with organizing and contacting businesses.

Annual Auction Update

The **PTF Gala and Auction** will take place **March 22, 2024** at the Courtyard Marriott in Santa Cruz.

Theme: "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The event will include a silent auction, live auction, and entertainment by a local band.

Funds raised will go toward school improvements. Past auctions have contributed to playground upgrades, air conditioning installations, and new security gates.

Volunteers needed for various tasks, including sponsorships, decor, and donation collection.

Teacher Appreciation & Upcoming Events

Teacher Appreciation continues to provide monthly treats and celebrations for staff.

PTF will host a **Teacher Breakfast** in December and a **Teacher Appreciation Week** lunch in the spring.

Upcoming events:

- **Talent Show** in November (dates TBD).
- **Turkey Trot** during Thanksgiving week.
- **The Christmas Concert is** in early December; PTF may assist with cookies and refreshments.

Sports Uniform Request

Request from **Mr. Gonzalez** for new basketball shorts for the younger girls' team.

Motion to approve purchasing shorts (\$15 per pair) passed unanimously.

Proposal for Middle School Ga-Ga Ball Pit

Discussion about purchasing a **Ga-Ga Ball Pit** for middle school students, similar to the one used by elementary students.

Cost: \$799; the motion to fund the purchase was passed.

PTF will collaborate with PE teachers and ensure proper usage and maintenance.

Closing Remarks

Pam thanked everyone for attending and volunteering. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2024.

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