

Collins Elementary PTA
General Meeting
September 15, 2022

Call to Order	The general meeting of the Collins Elementary School PTA was held at Collins Elementary School on Thursday September 15, 2022. The president, Crystal Matheu called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. The secretary was present.
Members Present	Heidi Birdwell, Amie Carson, Brian Clark, Beve DeMott, Erin Elliott, Stefanie Ferguson, Heather Foster, Lindsay Hernandez, Shawn Hernandez, Emilie Higginbotham, Kristen Inzerillo, Donna James, Bridget Kirkland, Crystal Matheu, Alex Matheu, Monica Mesa, Sarah Miller, Karla Mills, Meghan Mullaney, Soleil Pierre, Sharon Porter, Kristen Robertson, Michelle Sanchez, Rebecca Sargable, Brenda Snee, Elisabeth Spero, Michelle Spiess, Jeff Spiess, Jamie Wilson
Non-Members Present	Dorothy Williams, Anabel Guichardo-Martinez, Geneva Ruiz, Brenda Dominguez-Fe, Sophia Dominguez, Randy Harris, Melissa Andrade, Quin Howard-Howell, Maria Ocampo, Nelson Nunez, Mary Uy, Juana Cook, Jazma Martinez, LaShawn Peterson, Andrea Anderson
Quorum	A quorum was established.
Introduction	The 2022-2023 PTA board was introduced. Motion by Amie to approve Lindsay Hernandez as Spirit Nights/Hospitality chair. Motioned carried. Perla has stepped down from her position as Membership/Volunteers Chair. This position will need to be filled. Crystal asked for anyone interested to please email her.
Minutes	The minutes of the previous general meeting were read. Motion by Lindsay Hernandez to approve the minutes as written. Motioned carried.
Bylaws	The Board would like to update the current bylaws from requiring 3 VP positions on the board, to 2 VP positions. Shawn Hernandez motioned to approve updating the bylaws. Motion carried.
Financial Report	The treasurer, Elisabeth Spero, presented the Treasurer Report. Account balance on 5/19/22 was \$74,293.36. Account balance on 9/13/22 is \$38,177.96. Total income was \$9,595.01 and total expenses were \$45,710.41. Treasurer Report was filed.

- 2022-2023 Budget Elisabeth, the Treasurer, went over the current year budget, addressing items that were changed or deleted from last year, as well as stating how much money is left over from previous years fundraising. Heather Foster motioned to approve the budget as written. Motion carried.
- Fundraising Update Outdoor classroom carts, which includes a dry erase board and storage for various items, will be given out to the teachers very soon. Outdoor recess carts are already in place around the school. These carts have various items on them, such as chalk, balls, hula-hoops, and a parachute. There is 1 cart for primary grades, 1 for the PE courts, 1 for the middle of the buildings, and 1 for VPK/IPPEPS. The sunshade was installed outside the music and art rooms over the picnic tables.
- Fundraising 22-23 An email was sent to PTA members asking for ideas and suggestions for a fundraising goal for this year. The top suggestions were STEM kits and items for specials. No other suggestions were voiced at the meeting. It was decided that STEM kits and items for specials will be the fundraising goal.
- Spirit Wear No more spirit wear items will be purchased. There are still some items available for purchase, including last year's spirit shirts.
- Memberships The Membership drive will end at the end of this month. Our goal has been reached, with currently 308 members. Almost all of Collins staff/teachers are members.
- Easy Fundraising Amazon Smiles and Box Tops are two easy ways to raise money for the school. For Box Tops, receipts must be scanned in the Box Top app or emailed to Box Tops directly. For Amazon Smiles, an account must be created to allow 0.05% of eligible purchases to be donated to the school. The last quarter check the school received from Amazon Smiles was \$350.
- Fall Fundraiser Packets went home on 9/6 and are due back to the school on 9/20. Users can register online with school code 9296. Products will be delivered to the school on 10/18 and all items must be picked up that day. No items will be stored at the school. Hedgehogs are given out during lunch and all other prizes will be picked up on 10/18 with the products purchased. If a student sells 30 items they will get to do a "Human Car Wash" with Mrs. Sargable.

Upcoming Events Oct. 21 will be Trunk or Treat. The goal is to have 40 trunks. Kona Ice will be at the event and possibly a food truck. Wolfe's Produce will be there with a pumpkin patch for pictures and for purchasing pumpkins. A portion of sales will be donated back to the school. There will be music and games in the cafeteria as well. The Candy Monster will be at the school to collect candy donations prior to the event. The event will take place in the teachers' parking lot and kids are to only visit each trunk one time. Volunteer sign ups will be going out soon. The Veteran's breakfast and assembly will be on Nov. 10. The breakfast will be for adults only of military families. The school will be sending out invitations to the military families. The Holiday Shoppe will be a 100% give back to the school. Items will start at 50 cents and increase from there.

Construction Update Mrs. Sargable provided the following construction update of turning Collins into a K-8 school. Construction is on schedule to open next school year. The bell schedule is not set, but all grades will be on the same bell schedule and it will likely be 15 minutes longer than the elementary bell schedule currently. It is likely that the current school boundaries will remain the same, but this is not finalized. There are meetings being held currently to discuss boundary changes within the county. Road improvements of adding turn lanes was approved 3 years ago, but this project was put on hold until construction began on the school. It is unknown when the road construction will begin. The front office is being expanded to allow additional administration offices and to have new nurse clinics, one for elementary and one for grades 6-8. The front office will go all the way to the front sidewalk. There will be a glass vestibule holding area for when visitors come to the school. Visitors will walk into this area so front office staff can see the entire person and ask why they are at the school prior to allowing the visitor into the school. This is for the safety of the staff and students. The 6-8th grade building will be 2 stories at the front of the school. The footprint for this building is already in place. 7th and 8th grade classrooms are planned to be on the second floor. The gymnasium and music rooms will be in this building as well. The car line will be extended to the Lucaya fence. The track and artificial turf field will be going onto the county land, which the county is allowing the school to use for free. In exchange, the track and field will be available to the public when not in use by the school. The funding is already there for the track and field. Eventually a community center for preschoolers and seniors will be built on that land as well, but there is no funding for this currently. The media center will

also be expanded. The middle school students will have their own lunch serving line and seating area. Middle and elementary students will not be sitting together at lunch. There will be an outdoor dining space for the middle school students.

Announcements Mrs. Sargable reminded parents that if they are not receiving the weekly emails from the school to call the school to correct the email in the system. Mrs. Sargable asked everyone to follow the school on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date with announcements.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm

Michelle Sanchez

Michelle Sanchez, Secretary

Approved as:

Date:

Corrected:

Written: