

Minutes
PTO General Meeting
1030h, May 10, 2008
AISB Library

In Attendance: Lara Prihodko, Kymberly Tiffany, Maria Ramillo, Gary Holsten, Rachel Strozeski, Kelly Dalton, Omar Saibou, David Henry, Claudia Vondrasek, Jan Derpak

From the community: Christy Bennett, Jen Beauchamp

Absent: Richard Koczwarski

I. Call to order

- a. The president called the meeting to order at 1035
- b. The president discussed the agenda.

II. Approval of minutes from Mar. 13, 2008

- a. Delayed until the next executive committee meeting

III. Approval of Budget for 08-09

- a. Gary has created a new budget format, simpler than last year. We will leave a spreadsheet for next year.
- b. The ExCo has planned a new budget for the second half of this year, plus early next year.
- c. Changed our accounting to CFA, to make it more stable.
- d. The ExCo added new items: school gift, library support. We also added money in for literacy, the arts and the AISB adult community. It is hard to project exact climate and culture activities so a total amount is given to work from.
- e. We tried to make categories balance; make them flexible for next years PTO. Our budget is what we made. This is what we expect.
- f. We will carry over what we are obliged to (\$1000) plus what we need for first the two quarters.
- g. Any leftover money should be drained from the account and spent on school gift, teacher appreciation and any other unforeseen, outstanding items.
- h. 7th graders did not want to go out to a celebratory dinner; they just wanted pizza brought in. Money from this event was returned to the PTO (~CFA 50,000).
- i. The elementary playground was a shared activity, what did the PTO actually pay? We don't have a clear record of this or of other shared accountings with the school. Need to correct this in the future.
- j. Line items – do we need to put any in the budget for future consideration?
 - i. Adult events? Instead of adult event.
 - ii. Secondary school newspaper? Ask PTO next year, not a line item.
 - iii. Do we need money under communications/pr? Maybe CFA 50000.

- k. Lara moves to approve the budget, Claudia seconds. Budget approved by majority.

IV. Old Business

- a. **Teacher Appreciation Week events**
 - i. m/w/f breakfast for teachers in lounge
 - ii. Party at the club on Friday, 6-9
 - iii. School can supply buses
- b. **Approval of gift money for Secondary School**
 - i. Still under discussion.
 - ii. Piano needs help and tuning in music room.
- c. **Report on award dinner for secondary school** - A success for the older students. There was good conversation and energy. Students said goodbyes, thank you's, gave speeches. A good evening overall.

V. New business

- a. **Scholastic Books – what to do with the leftover books:**
 - i. Approximately half of the books are left.
 - ii. The PTO sent 5 boxes to the Sadiola campus.
 - iii. Open the book fair again for Africa day? We should invite BCA and BIA to come shop and put an ad in the Griot too. We can set it up in the library for Thursday night (art show evening) and leave it open on Friday during Africa Day.
 - iv. Can we keep the books and have an early book fair next year? How could we pay for books now and sell them next year. When we know what we have left, we can decide what to do.
 - v. Need a last PTO meeting in May (27th) to resolve this issue.
- b. **Family Fun Day committee for Sept., 2008**
 - i. Should be held at the American club
 - ii. Split costs with school
 - iii. Need an organizing committee – Maria, Kym, Gary, Jen, Christy, Omar
 - iv. Welcome packet for new to Mali families– Claudia can help with this
 - v. Explain PTO at event (booths?), a preset list of events would be good to get future volunteers.
 - vi. Student government booth – AISB tatoo's
- c. **Nominations for 2008-09 Executive Committee**
 - i. Think about it.
 - ii. We should hold officer elections after family fun day.
 - iii. Send emails to newcomers, a PTO welcome letter – maybe to everyone else too to describe the PTO.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Move to adjourn the meeting by Gary, seconded by Kelly, approved by majority.
- b. Meeting is adjourned at 1145.