

Cooley PTC

Home of the Cobras



Cooley PTC Minutes September 13, 2011

General Meeting

The general meeting was called to order at 6:32 with 28 people in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was recited, introductions were made and the May 2011 minutes were presented. Christine Karr motioned for the minutes to pass and Yvonne Graser 2nd. The minutes passed unanimously.

Program Updates & Reports

Dine Out Fundraiser - We choose different restaurants each month and Cooley receives a percentage of the sales. If you have restaurant ideas, please let Tammy and Peggy know. September 29 we will have a Night at the Fountains with CPK and Big Spoon Yogurt. We have also started Jamba Wednesdays. There are three different flavors selling for \$4 each.

Monster Mash Mile - A kick off meeting for our biggest fundraiser will be held at Heather Hyatt's house at 11am on Wednesday the 14th. There are a lot of volunteers for the day of the event but we need more people to get prizes and take on an area such as decorations. We will have the whole day dedicated to the Mash on Monday, October 31. Kids can wear costumes and the VIP area will have bracelets this time.

Staff Appreciation - Each month something will be done for the staff. Thank you to everyone who brought items for the start of year lunch. This month we will give cookies on September 21. Sign up if you would like to bring cookies or if you can come and help put the packets together.

Membership/ No Hassle Fundraising - We have over 150 members and 40 buyouts already signed up this year. More are still being processed. If you are interested in signing up for either go to www.Cooleyptc.com.

NEWS - We send out a weekly newsletter about upcoming events and activities at the school. If you are not getting the e-mails, go to cooleyptc.com and sign up.

Escrip - It is time to buy at Safeway! 10% will go directly to Cooley. It is also time to re-register your Safeway cards. Go to the website for more information.

Business Action

10-11 Budget Review - Last year we raised \$31,000 and spent \$25,000. Close to \$18,000 came forward from last year. Some of our biggest expenses were \$10,000 to the library, \$7,000 to

make our school wireless, \$1,500 for the 8th Grade Send Off, \$5,000 for classroom supplies. So far this year we have raised \$8K and our only expenses are credit card fees and supplies.

Proposed 11-12 Budget and Vote - We reviewed and discussed the new budget at length including a debate on the large donation to the library. We increased the Buyout Income to \$4,500 since it has already reached this amount, and increased the Walk-A-thon expenses to \$1,500 at the request of the chair people. Malinda Cirimele motioned to approve the income portion of the budget and Peggy Abel 2nd. This motion passed unanimously. We again looked at some of the expenses and discussed the technology. A motion was made by Yvonne Graser to pass the expense portion of the budget and 2nd by Trace Flores. The motion passed unanimously. To review the final approved budget, go to www.Cooleyptc.com.

Principal's Report

There is a lot to celebrate this year! The 870 API score is the highest in Cooley history and the highest for middle schools in our district. In California we are one middle school of only 13.3% that hit 21 out of 21 AYP criteria. To check out what this all means you can go to www.cde.ca.gov. Along with the academic focus this year, we have also started our behavior program PBIS. We are one of two schools in our district to test this program. We have school rules and expectations for all area of the campus. The motto is Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful. We hand out "snakeskins" for good behavior. The reward based system can be statistically tracked so we can see what is working. We have 1166 students, 20 in SDC, and 18 in the County CARE class. We have 9 new teachers and 13 clubs. There is a magazine fundraiser coming out from the Leadership Class to raise money for the dances and other school activities.

Presentation

Mr. Loudon gave a fantastic presentation on Surviving Middle School Homework. You can review the whole Powerpoint presentation at www.cooleyptc.com. He also commented on the success of the new behavior program and the wonderful students in our school.

Open Floor

The RCSD Foundation Whole Food Shopping Day is Wednesday September 14. Please come out and shop. 5% of the sales for the day will go directly to our district. The PIE Grant applications are out to the teachers. This year the Foundation will give over \$20,000 to fund those grants. Due to the Foundation's efforts Cooley will receive 9 ELMOS in the next couple weeks.

Karen and Cooley are giving a presentation to the RCSD School Board this Thursday, September 15. Come out, show your support and hear more of the great things happening at Cooley.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm