



CTA INDEPENDENCE PTO SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Monday, September 15, 2025

TIME: 3:30 PM

LOCATION: CTA Independence Library

OFFICER PRESIDING: Sue Kim Roe, PTO President

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 3:31 PM by Sue Kim Roe

Welcome/Opening Remarks

Sue Kim Roe

- Sue welcomed parents to the first PTO meeting.

Principal Update

Lori Walter

- o CUSD Bond Information
- Mrs. Walter welcomed parents to the PTO meeting.
- She gave a "shout out" to the Culture Fair Committee, parents and Dad's Club for helping with parking.
- Mrs. Walter shared information about the bond and override.
- She shared the informational card with details for the bond and override (new floors, infrastructure, key dates on back, encouraged parents to go online for more information)
- Lori shared a signup sheet if parents are interested in canvassing on a Saturday.

President's Report

Sue Kim Roe

- o Vote in May's General Meeting Minutes
 - Sue shared that we have to approve May's minutes.
 - Sue motioned to move May's general meeting minutes.
 - Kalen seconded the motion.
 - Voted and all approved
- o Introduction of Theme "Kindness & Celebration"
 - Sue shared every year we pick a theme. Our kickoff fundraiser was based on Kindness and we are continuing the theme of Kindness and Celebration for our 20th school year anniversary.
- o PTO Board Members Introduction
 - Board members introductions
- o Summer Recap
 - Sue shared that even though there is no school during the summer, the board was planning all summer long.
 - Sue shared that they were revamping things around the school. She shared that the muralist touched up on all the murals that had gotten damaged over the years.
 - She shared that door wraps were added this summer.
 - Sue updated all the posters in the hallways (new posters and frames).
- o Fundraiser and FunRun Update
 - Sue thanked the parents for all the donations.
 - She shared that we raised \$31,000 after fees with 10% back to teachers' accounts.
 - Sue shared a power point slide that addressed what funds were raised for:
 - Continued support for school campus maintenance and safety initiatives and school wide activities
 - STEM lab Z-space renewal (3 years)
 - PE Equipment
 - Sue shared that the FunRun will be the morning of October 10th and we still need a few more volunteers.
 - Sue shared that we have lots of activities like bubbles and Otter Pops during the run.

- She shared that t-shirts for FunRun will be delivered during break and will be free of charge for kids.
- Fall Festival
 - Sue shared that our big Fall Festival will be held on November 14th from 4:30-8:00 PM.
 - She shared that all the rides and bounce houses are booked. There will be some new things like a fire truck that the kids will be able to get on and a putting golf course.
 - We still have room for sponsors and Alexandria is assisting getting more vendors and sponsors.
 - Because it is the 20th Anniversary, Dad's Club will be refurbishing old games.
 - She concluded that if a parent owns a business or knows of any business sponsors that would like to support the Fall Festival, please contact her.
- Upcoming Events for the Year
 - Fall Festival
 - Paint Night on the Lawn
 - Dine-Outs
 - End of the Year KTR event
 - Ice Cream Social
- Flyer Overview: *Top 10 Ways You Can Support Our School*
 - Sue shared there are many ways to help and shared the flyer on the screen.
 - Sue shared a new initiative called School Cents (recommended by a parent Betty). It is a contest among schools in the area to submit receipts to stores around the Chandler Mall. Digital receipts count as well as physical receipts.
 - Sue shared that Fry's gives back a percentage to our school.
 - She shared that to check if employers give corporate matching. It is time sensitive so check with the employer soon.
- Web Designer Needed
 - Sue shared that we need help to maintain our website. It is fairly easy and that parents can be trained if needed. If you know someone, please let Sue know.

Vice-President's Report

Kalen Campbell

- Dine-Out Nights
 - Kalen shared that the August Dine-Out Night at Milkshake Factory raised over \$900. She thanked the teachers and staff for helping and their support. The store didn't realize how CTA would come out to support our school and line was out the door.
 - Our October Dine-Out Night will be at Chipotle on October 19th from 5:00-8:00 PM. It is a FAN and 25% will be donated to CTA. She highly recommends ordering through the app and to use to code.
 - No dine-out night in November because of the Fall Festival.
 - Kalen concluded that February will be Dine-Out Night at In & Out and that it is our most successful dine-out night.
- Spirit Wear Update
 - Kalen shared that the PTO will be selling spirit wear at the Fall Festival.
 - She shared that new Crew neck and hoodie sweatshirts will be available for purchase.
 - She also shared that socks and bows were new fun accessories for our 20th Anniversary.
 - Kalen concluded that class shirts will be delivered this week.

Treasurer's Report

Rachel Calisi

- Proposed Budget (vote required)
 - Rachel shared the proposed budget. She explained the major income items and explained major expenses.
 - Rachel shared that teachers can request money for trainings, grants and/or supplies.
 - She shared that CSB takes a pro rata share.
 - Karissa motioned to approve 25-26 year budget.
 - Kalen seconded the motion.
 - Voted and all approved.
- Financials Update

- Financials were shared with budget.

Dad's Club Update

Tim Washburn

- Introduction and Dad's Club Mission
 - Tim introduced that Dad's Club is an extension of the PTO and explained the mission of Dad's Club.
 - He shared that if dads are interested in joining to share contact information with him.
- Dad's Club First Meeting Recap
 - Tim shared that they held the first meeting. They discussed some of the events Dad's Club helps with including the golf fundraiser in the spring.
- Volunteers for Fall Festival
 - Tim shared that he will be seeking volunteers for the Fall Festival. He shared that Dad's Club typically helps with game updates and repairs, parking assistants, light setup and take down.

Room Parent Liaisons

Hailey Slayton

- Fall Festival Class Baskets/Emails
 - Hailey shared that Friday emails went out for class basket themes. She asked parents to support room parents with the needs for the baskets.
 - Hailey reminded parents to give social media follows on Facebook and Instagram.

Hospitality

Elizabeth Hebert

- Welcome Back Breakfast
 - Elizabeth shared she does all thing food. PTO provided breakfast for the staff in July.
 - Elizabeth shared that she does all things food and is responsible for providing meals for the teachers and staff. She shared that the PTO provided breakfast for the staff return in July.
- Parent-Teacher Conference Dinner
 - Elizabeth shared that she served Chipotle for the parent-teacher conference and it was a successful meal for the staff.
 - Elizabeth shared future events PTO will be providing (breakfast the day before winter break, spring conferences, coffee truck in January, and meal during teacher appreciation week).
 - Elizabeth shared that with the rising cost of food, if parents have any connections to restaurants, please let her know.

Closure

Sue Kim Roe

- Winner of Teacher Attendance
 - Before the teacher winner was announced, Lori thanked PTO for all their time and effort.
 - Werden and Carlston were the winners for teacher attendance.
- Homework Pass
 - Homework Pass was distributed.
- Q & A
 - The only question that was asked was regarding pickup and Lori addressed the question with the parent.

Adjournment