

**Regular Meeting
Emily Gray PTSG
8/11/2017 8:30-9:34am
Emily Gray Conference Room**

Call to Order: 8:30am by Carrie Radomsky

In Attendance: Carrie Radomsky, Chris Sanderson, Sandra Baker, Jeffrey Koessler, Jen Orvik, Ross Orvik, Miranda Soeder, and Principal, Greg Miller

Minutes from meetings on March 31, 2017 & April 21, 2017, approved. Motion to approve, Chris Sanderson.

President's Report:

Carrie welcomed those in attendance and briefly discussed the PTSG's final actions of the 2016-2017 school year, including the breakdown of fund-raising activity for the school year listed under the fund-raising committee report on the agenda.

PER BYLAWS--NEEDS TO BE DONE AT SECOND MEETING

Nominated and elected officers for 2017-2018:

Carrie Radomsky & Chris Sanderson, co-president

Sandra Baker, vice president & fund-raising chair

Robin Mayer & Jeffrey Koessler (volunteered after the meeting; will vote in at September meeting), co-secretary

Barbara Drummond & Carrie Radomsky, co-treasurer

Solicited "S"--student volunteer for PTSG in parent volunteer email. Received response from one interested student, Ava Roh! Will look into the possibility of her attending the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Reviewed and closed out 2016-2017 academic year budget. Updated budget with proposed income and proposed expenses outlined for the 2017-2018 academic year. Will finalize fundraising plans and anticipated budget at September meeting.

Committee Reports:

Dance Chaperones: Will forward email addresses of volunteers to Mr. Crawford

Fundraising 2016-2017 Summary:

AmazonSmile \$169.23

Chris will get link to register into Constant Contact so new families can participate

BARECA Shred-a-thon \$900

Sandra would like to plan another event before Christmas/while people are cleaning out storage lockers/end of year, etc., and will seek donors for the \$300 fee to bring the Beacon truck to Emily Gray.

Will schedule "Shred-It & Get-It" for Saturday 12/2/2017 (no UA football game); proceeds will be used to purchase paper and electronics for Emily Gray, since that is what is accepted for shredding by the Beacon Foundation.

Will consider additional event in the spring like last year (March/April)

Bahama Bucks \$311.02

Upcoming event Thursday 8/17/17 3-9pm with Homeroom Challenge
Mrs. McIntyre provided a list of homeroom teachers to Sandra so that the staff at Bahama Bucks could tally the students who attend from each classroom at the register to determine the winner of the homeroom party pack

Benefit Mobile--Have not received any funds/Do not know if anyone signed up
Chris will get link to register into Constant Contact so new families can participate

Box Tops \$797.90

Thank you to Jenny Watkins for coordinating/submitting all box tops!
Need new coordinator

Will follow up with 3 parents who volunteered during registration

Costco Paper Drive 62 reams of paper & miscellaneous donations

Costco has discontinued this program

Eegee's \$74.07

eScrip \$3.70 Plan discontinued, but small amount of funds still being distributed

Fry's \$93.44

Chris will get link to register into Constant Contact so new families can participate

Softball Concession Stand \$92.58

Will discuss repeating in the spring closer to softball season

Spell-a-thon \$1931.50

Repeat this year? Would have to coordinate with LA Dept and Librarian
Jen suggested an "Armchair Fund-raiser"/done at their previous school/district; simply soliciting funds to be used for the "New Library"; could even be done as a homeroom challenge

ACES to do a similar "opt-out" campaign; \$100 no obligation to attend school fund-raising events; discussed option of similar campaign for Emily Gray and what would be price point--\$100 similar to ACES or \$10 (could raise \$4000 if all participated/like discussed for Tech-In)

Jen also suggested an Amazon Wish List for books if individuals would like to donate through that route; Mr. Miller agreed, but books may need to be purchased through a district approved source

All agreed that fund-raising should have a direct link to what the school's needs are and what exactly will be funded with the proceeds

Note: still need general fund-raising efforts to cover basic budget costs like teacher stipends and teacher appreciation events, as well as student snacks, top cat shirts, and spirit day expenses that have historically been provided by the PTSG

Tech-In

Continue to discuss/need teacher buy-in

T-Shirts for Sports Teams \$16

Continue?

Intent was not to make \$, but to boost team spirit/cohesiveness and have something kids could wear to school on game days. Would have liked to raise enough \$ to cover eegee's (or similar) for each team as an end of the season celebration, and think that would be possible this year if we were to continue. Discuss further at September meeting.

Tucson Tamale Co. \$129.87

Repeat this year? Will discuss with ACES coordinator to determine if they are going to continue this fund-raiser

*Continue to discuss other events/ideas at September meeting

*Discussed Large Donations/Benefactors--must go through district

PE Uniforms/Spirit Wear

Preliminary 2017-2018 sales +\$2568.04 (so far)

School Spirit

Spirit Day

Continue/need coordinator/prizes

8/18/2017 planned; will add to constant contact & student announcements

Top Cat T-Shirts

Mr. Miller felt they had a significant impact on all students, and noted the sense of pride by those who received them for their outstanding efforts to make Emily Gray a great campus

Plan to continue for 20 students per quarter (#80 shirts/year)

Will coordinate orders with Mr. Steiner as prior if possible, but may need 3 written bids since the amount will exceed \$500 for the academic year

Snacks/Food

Continue to provide funding to cover expenses associated with:

Academic Showcase

AzMERIT

CIMI/Washington DC

Pi Day

6th Grade Orientation

Student Directory

Must solicit information/cannot receive from school/district

Lack of interest and volunteers to coordinate

Teacher Appreciation

Coffee

Provided coffee to start the year

Sandra has obtained donations from Starbucks at Broadway/Houghton for October!

Meet the Teacher Night 8/16/17 6-8pm

Sign up for Dinner for the teachers went out and is filling up

Mr. Miller shared info with teachers/staff

Teacher Stipend/Grant Requests

Only 14 of 24 teachers used their stipends last year

Continue ongoing review of stipend requests

8th Grade Promotion

Will discuss in spring

Principal's Report:

Mr. Miller reported that there are 394 students at Emily Gray this year.

Thanked the PTSG for their help during registration with information and PE Uniform sales. Teachers are preparing for the Open House and are appreciative of the dinner plans being provided by parents/PTSG.

Eclipse Plan 8/21/2017

Science Teachers have purchased and tested for safety #300 ISO (international safety standard compliant) glasses for the students to use to observe the eclipse. Emily Gray will operate on a modified schedule that day allowing for a 10 minute "hole" in the day for eclipse observation.

Emily Gray will have its first "Block Schedule" the week of 8/28/2017 to accommodate MAP testing. This will be repeated in the winter and spring with the MAP testing schedule. Mr. Miller explained that the block schedule allows for improved quality of testing and avoids make-up testing and pull-outs.

This year the school will reinstate "Positive Home Contacts". Each teacher will reach out to parents twice per quarter via postcards (mail; not electronic) or phone calls, so that the only contact they have with parents is not "negative".

Mr. Miller described the "new library", which has been reorganized to be kid-centered and more kid-friendly. The library collection is separated by genre and then organized via the dewey decimal system within that genre, so that students can go into the library and find something they're interested in quickly and easily.

Old Business:

Ongoing funding requests will be evaluated and paid out as received between meetings. If necessary or questions arise, will be brought to next meeting for review.

New Business:

As per committee reports (see above)

File AZCC Report(s)

Next meeting: Friday, 9/15/2017 8:30-9:30am Emily Gray Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned: 9:34am