

KORT MINUTES

1/23/2009

Attendance: Val Campbell, Alison Orozco, Darla Neeley, Brenna Taylor, Robyn Cruz, Drina Black, Angela Hoeger, Judy Romero, Maribel Zill, Nedene Spencer, Lynda Malka, Rick Stewart, Steve Ruder,

1. Val Campbell reminded everyone that the PACT Science Fair is scheduled for March 2nd and 3rd. On March 2nd, students will set up and present their work for judging. On March 3rd, the projects will be at PACT for open display. Students may bring either a science project (making a potato clock, etc) or an example of an experiment using the scientific method (forming a hypothesis, test and control groups, performing experiments, collecting and analyzing data, confirming or rejecting the hypothesis). A district-wide science fair is scheduled on March 12. In order to be a part of the district wide science fair, students must have a science experiment using the scientific method. We encourage all students to participate either through bringing an experiment or project or by coming to view the displays on the 3rd. Please contact Val Campbell, Steve Ruder, or your Advisor for more information.
2. Campus pick-up and drop-off safety review. At our new site, students must remain within the building at all times. Children 5th grade and younger must be picked up inside the building. If there is an unusual circumstance, you may call the front desk and ask that they be escorted out. Students who are 6th grade and older may walk to a parent's car once they see it from the front door and informing the front desk that they are leaving.
3. Safety Seminar: Officer McCray is planning on coming to PACT for a safety seminar. Because of the range in student ages at PACT, KORT decided to ask for 2 separate seminars. The younger seminar will be targeted for students in the K-3rd grade levels and will cover stranger awareness, what to do in case they are separated from parents, general emergency information, and drugs. The 4th grade and older seminar will focus on stranger awareness, computer safety, and drugs.
4. Field Trip update: Dani presented upcoming field trips and reminded people that the Westminster Woods environmental camp is coming soon. Dani is offering a \$25 discount for students who have never gone before. She is looking for a female chaperone. Please contact her for more details.
5. Extravaganza: Shelly will be holding an Extravaganza meeting in mid-February. She will be forming committees ranging from PR to meals so there is something that everyone can comfortably contribute with. A big part of past Extravaganzas has been the raffles and auctions. Shelly has donation letters to give to businesses for any prize contributions. Given the economy, the sooner that we start talking to the businesses we frequent, the better the chances that they will be able to donate to us.

6. Shelly announced that the next Extravaganza meeting will be scheduled in February. The current plan is to scale back some of the events and use a more committee approach to planning. The Extravaganza is scheduled for May 14th.
7. Drina brought in a menu of possible toys and furniture for the new playroom. After some debate, \$500.00 in KORT funds was approved for supplying the area. People who are interested in having input in how the room is set up should contact Drina.
8. Maribel has agreed to buy food for and stock the snack machine that is in the lunch room. Proceeds go to the KORT fund. Thank you Maribel!
9. It was suggested that KORT meetings be moved to the 3rd Thursday of every month from 9:00-11:00. We will vote on this during the February meeting.