

KORT Minutes  
Friday, March 20, 2009

Attendance: Jay Kerschner, Shelly Shaw, Lynda Malka, Robyn Cruz, Brenna Taylor, Judy Romero, Drina Black, Jackie Andrews, Leshundra Haughton, Angela Hoeger, Rick Stewart, Maribel Zill, Kathryn John

Discussion Items:

**1. Student Behavior:**

At the last meeting, there was concern about some language and behavior issues with some of our students. None of the parents at the meeting reported any further instances of problems

**1. Family Game Night:**

There was a quick reminder that the first Family Game Night would happen from 6:30 to 8:30. A second game night is scheduled on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**2. PACT Extravaganza:**

Shelly Shaw asked the group to begin asking for donations. Several clipboards with Extravaganza sign-ups and forms are on the front desk counter in the library area. Contact Shelly for more information. The next Extravaganza meeting will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00-11:00.

Action Items: (vote required)

**3. Vending Machine:** Approved.

Maribel Zill brought in her research about different vending machines. She pointed out that our current vending machine has lost its ability to cool drinks and only vends a small range of snack foods. The group voted to purchase a new vending machine from Costco that sells for \$4,000 excluding tax and set-up fees. Maribel is going to verify that the new machine is able to sell foods ranging from sandwiches and refrigerated burritos to water and milk. Several people agreed to work with Maribel to ensure that the proposed machine meets our needs before finalizing the purchase. Maribel will be buying small amounts of perishable foods to minimize spoilage waste. The vending machine is expected to eventually pay itself off.

**4. Playroom purchases:** Approved.

Drina Black spoke about the toddler room. The current baby gate has had problems with some parents not knowing how to open it. There have also been issues with being able to close the door. The group discussed the possibility of installing a half door or mounting a gate to the outside frame of the door. The group voted to give the group up to another \$150 for shelving and hooks for bags and purses.

**5. Speaker system:** Approved.

Lynda Malka presented the speaker system for our new building that would be used for announcements, including emergency drills. The system is not capable of being programmed for a tone system to alert students when classes are ready to begin. The group was concerned about starting a precedent for KORT funds being used for expenses that should be paid for from general school funds. Lynda said that if KORT funds were not used, the purchase would be indefinitely postponed. The group voted to purchase the system costing approximately \$965 because it was a safety issue.

6. **An increase in financial support for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Grad Night:** Approved  
LaShundra and Steve Ruder explained that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lazer event has increased to a minimum of \$500 for the event rental and possibly more. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are beginning to fundraise for the event. The group approved a total of \$600 for this year's event. 8<sup>th</sup> grade families will be told to begin fundraising earlier next year.
  
7. **Supplies/equipment for classes:** Not voted on  
Steve Ruder suggested that we become more proactive with using KORT funds. Our funds have stayed at approximately \$23,000 for several years. Mrs. Valdovinos has been working to get a computer and projector to be used in her class for several years. Mrs. Chapman is interested in buying new software for the math lab class. Steve suggested that we ask teachers to present classroom supply needs to KORT. This item will be reconsidered at the next KORT meeting.
  
8. **Health concerns at PACT:** Not voted on  
Marcie Belmont is concerned about whether the health concerns at the previous building were fully addressed. She plans to do more research and present her findings to the group.
  
9. **High chairs for the family eating area:** Not voted on  
The group felt that if we do need high chairs in the eating area, we should ask families if they have any they would like to donate.