

PTO/PAWS Meeting

September 5, 2017 Minutes

Attendees:	Brittany Forkner – President	Teresa Rosales	KD Umbarger
	Rachel Caciagli – Treasurer	Crystal Bennetts	Nicci Crowley
	Diana Rosales	Shannon Carver	Andy Bennetts

Welcome!

Why does PAWS exist? PAWS stands for Parents and Working Staff. We are here to support the staff and teachers of Mesa. Some of the things that PAWS does: the yearly school fundraiser, annual chili cook-off, assemblies, provides funding for field trips and much more.

Old Business:

- Approval of minutes from May meeting

Financial Report:

- Current Balance - \$5,448.62

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Umbarger reported that Mesa has received it's "report card" from the state. This report card is mostly based on growth (through PARCC data). There are four levels: Performance, Improvement, Priority Improvement and Turnaround. We have moved from Turnaround status to the high end of Priority Improvement. We missed making it to Improvement by a very small amount due to our math scores, which have flatlined. One of the changes that we made last year that helped us with our growth was "flooding" for Kindergarten and 1st grade. This year we are departmentalizing 3rd, 4th and 5th grades in which there is one teacher for each subject. Some staff members had previously visited Kemper to get an idea of how this works. Mesa has received monies to hire a full-time paraprofessional to help out the teachers in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. This new staff member will mostly be helping out with math. Parents are invited to come in and help with math as well (30-45 minute block). The Superintendent is very pleased with our growth and Mrs. Umbarger commends the staff for working so hard on getting our status up.

New Business:

- Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) presentation by Andy Bennetts – Andy has been a part of this national program for 9 years. It puts dads, uncles, grandpas, etc. on campus to be a positive male role model for the students. He had over 150 dads participate in Dolores last year. By signing up, a male family member would be committing to just one day in the school per year as a helper for the teacher, someone the kids can come to for help and an extra set of eyes. The start-up cost for this program is \$450. The board approved.

- Fundraiser information – the fundraiser is underway. Packets are to be turned in on September 12th and the delivery date for the items is October 17th.
- School T-Shirts – we have lots of t-shirts in stock. We sold 20 on registration day. We are wanting to pre-order hoodies for staff, students and parents.
- Assemblies/Programs – still working on getting dates and times pinned down.
- Expenses for upcoming year - \$285 per month for the copier machine lease, field trips, assemblies, MobyMax renewal and yearly AR Program (Mrs. Umbarger would like for us to pay for at least half which would be about \$3,628).
- Chili Cook-Off and Pie Auction in October – last year we made \$300 from the pie auction and we would like to really expand that part of this event. We will be doing a date in late October instead of mid-November. We would like for the kids to do handwritten invitations to their families and community members so we can have a bigger turnout.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3rd at 4:30p.m. in the Mesa Library

Thank you for being a part of the Mesa Parent-Teacher Organization this school year!!