

**Altadeña PTSO General Meeting**  
**August 22, 2017**  
**Altadeña Library**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Jody Gibson, Co-President  
Karen Meinerz, Co-President  
Tyler Torba, Vice President  
Alison Gilmore, Treasurer  
Monica Gellman, Secretary

**Members in Attendance:** Andrea Caballero, Cristina Carter, Suzi Corbin, Chanelle DeGraff, Casey DeLashmutt, Amanda Holtom, James Martin (principal), Michele Nash, Suzanne, Rinker, Sue Schnettler, Rachel Schurz, Shannon Smith, Alicia Watson, Sheri Williams

-Meeting called to order at by Karen Meinerz at 8:46am

-Karen welcomed everyone and members introduced themselves.

-May 2017 General Meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasury Report**

1. Alison reported we have \$24, 728.88 in the bank.
2. Budget: Karen presented the proposed 2017-18 budget, which was **approved** by a unanimous vote.
  - This includes increase to Teacher Grants from last year due to the fact that last year the exploratories had a bigger budget.
  - We added new line items for Exploratories Curriculum Enrichment, Principal's Fund and Coffee Chats.
  - Karen explained that because we have increased spending, we need to raise an additional \$11,000.00 this year, possibly with a spring fundraiser like a Food Truck/Concert/Movie Night.
3. **Suzanne Rinker volunteered to be Financial Secretary for 2017-18.**

**Principal's Report – James Martin**

1. Mr. Martin gave a Power Point about last year's 90 Day Action Plan, which looked at growth mindset vs. fixed

mindset. It had include goals about 7% growth on AZ Merit results.

-Priorities included data-driven instruction (making sure kids actually learn and don't just hear) increased student motivation, and decreased inconsistencies in special ed co-taught classes.

-AZ Merit reading scores grew by 4% and math grew by 5%. Altadeña had the biggest growth of the middle schools in KSD. We are closing the gap between gne ed and special ed on Az Merit. By 2022, the goal is to be 100% proficient in math.

-2017-18 priorities include teachers using tiered intervention when academic deficiencies exist (we now have full time ELA and math interventionists) reducing inconsistencies in special ed and creating a culture of continuous improvement through the 7 Habits. He wants to include parents in goal-setting with students.

2. Mr. Martin wants Altadeña to be the #1 middle school in AZ and asked for help from parents writing reviews on sites like GreatSchools.com, etc. Many of the reviews on those sites are old and/or negative and he's hoping for more balance.
3. Teachers are wondering if anyone has grant writing experience and can help them with applications.
4. Altadeña is trying to increase its service orientation. To that end, ASU Professor Janelle White proposed a project with FACS and college students for a baking charity. It would be after school, possibly starting the second quarter. It may include NJHS.

## **Committee Reports**

1. Harvest Festival – Karen reported that the event is November 8<sup>th</sup> and planning is well underway. Shannon Smith has already secured 2-3 food trucks, rides, a Tuft & Needle mattress to raffle off, and 2 volunteers for ticket sales. We still need a Co-Chair (especially since this is Shannon's last year), silent auction items and a Silent Auction Chair.
2. Band Boosters – Amanda reported they have a full board! They currently have about \$9,000.00 in the bank. They will sell butter braids in January and February and hope to make \$30,000.00. The Talent Show is in April and will hopefully use NJHS members as stage crew. Other fundraising ideas include a Play-a-Thon. First band concert (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders only) is September 28<sup>th</sup>.

3. Spiritwear – Jody reported that the Kyrene Print Shop raised prices as did TenCow so we need a new vendor or a new deal. We are having a t-shirt design contest with students competing for a design for a short sleeve and long sleeve shirt that will be sold at Harvest Festival. The winner will be announced after Fall Break. We need to keep promoting bag tags.
4. Hospitality – Sue Schnettler reported that this Thursday is the first staff lunch with food from Rumbi's. They also provided box lunches to staff on July 31 from Jersey Mike's, which donated 1/3 of the sandwiches. PTO cost was about \$500.00. Future staff luncheon dates are: September 21, October 20, November 16, December 14, January 19, February 15, March 29, April 26, and Staff Appreciation Week (April 30-May 4).
5. Box Tops – Casey DeLashmutt agreed to be in charge of Box Tops and we discussed ways to promote collection, including contests for prizes within grades or advisory classes.
6. Book Fair – Karen reported that Phoenix Book Company is returning September 25-29 in the Community Room. All proceeds go to the library. We will have two donut giveaway days where students receive a free donut if they buy a book (first come, first served). Spring Book Fair is March 5-9.
7. Family Dinner Nights – Jody reported that we still need a chair. We do not yet have a report from this month's fundraiser at Panda Express and Yoasis is scheduled for October.
8. Communications – Jody reported that we still need a chair and that the website is up to date thanks to webmasters Gail Kronick and Valerie Mittelman.

### **Old Business**

Open Board positions include co-Secretary, Communications Coordinator, Spiritwear Co-Chair, FDN Chair, Harvest Fest Co-Chair.

### **New Business**

-Student Council Executive Board gave a presentation. They need to fundraise very soon because their treasury is almost empty. They are hoping to get a lot more things done this year. They would like help out at Harvest Festival.

-Elections were held for new officers with the following results:

**Andrea Caballero – Co-VP**

**Chanelle DeGraff – Volunteer Coordinator**

**Suzanne Pinker – Financial Secretary**

**Board Members for 2017-2018 will be as follows:**

**Jody Gibson, Co-President**

**Karen Meinerz, Co-President**

**Tyler Torba, Co-Vice President**

**Andrea Caballero, Co-Vice President**

**Suzanne Rinker, Financial Secretary**

**Alison Gilmore, Treasurer**

**Monica Gellman, Secretary**

**Chanelle DeGraff, Volunteer Coordinator**

-Bylaw review was tabled to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Gellman, Secretary