

Joaquin Parent Teacher Organization

Minutes of Board Meeting January 23, 2008

1. Joaquin PTO Board met after school today in the cafeteria. Board Members present were Valleri Dunham, Mendy Cheatwood, Tammy Ewing, and Lynn Silvey.
Board Members absent: none
Members present: Sherri Scruggs, Mid Johnson, Beverly Jousan
2. Board positions: Lynn Silvey will stand in as Secretary until said time that a replacement can be found.
In addition we are still in need of Teacher Representatives for each campus
Elementary
Jr. High
High School
3. **Membership-** We discussed the problems with getting a new PTO off the ground and getting parents involved. The best way to reach all parents is through newsletters that will go out with report cards every 6 weeks. Valleri will do the newsletters and get principal approval before report cards are sent out. In addition Amanda Parker is willing to set up web page linked to the district web site.
4. **Agenda.**
It is our goal as a whole to unite Parents and Teachers for the benefit of the Students. We want to try to make our agendas and fundraisers involve the students.
Parent Volunteers- We need parents involved and in the schools to help with copies/laminating/bulletin boards. As we get volunteers we will create a schedule of days/times for volunteers so that teachers will know when someone will be there so they can prepare in advance. We are asking parents for a couple of hours 1 day a week. We have been given permission by Sherri Scruggs and Mid Johnson to do this on all campuses. We do want to limit parents to the workroom area, so they are not an interruption in the classrooms.
Talent Show for Elementary – A recreation of “Western Day”. The problems with western day were the amount of time needed to put it on as well as the loss of class time for practices. Our vision is to host a Talent Show that will be in the evening so parents can attend. We will charge \$1 - \$2 admission, and rehearsals will be done after school. One other option is to have each class perform and possibly use Debbie Leggett to help with rehearsals during art. Monday, May 19th is the date set.
Elementary Dance for 3-6th grade- We will try to host a dance for the Elementary in the spring, charging \$1 - \$2 admission, and PTO selling snacks and drinks.
Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat – For the '08 Fall membership drive we want to host a “Trunk or Treat” where kids can come in costume and parents park their vehicles, decorate their trunks, and hand out candy. The PTO can sell hot dogs and drinks for membership sign up. We have discussed the possibility of making this a festival and will look at that as it gets closer.
5. **Fundraising Needs**
Phase 2 of playground – The second phase of the new playground is going to cost \$35,000. At this time there is approx. \$6000 in the Elementary Activities Fund. Tammy and Valleri are going

to set up an account at the bank for the sole purpose of the playground. We are going to make posters with thermometers to show our progress. Valleri is going to talk to Ms. Jill who was on original committee to get more specifics of the playground – location and equipment.

Senior Project Graduation – In the past, PTO has made a donation to the ProGrad Fund.

DVD Players – There are very few DVD players for Teachers,

DVD's – We need to look at replacing the VHS tapes with DVDs

2nd Set of Books – ensuring that all students have a second set of books for home and classroom

6. **Meeting-** The next board meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7 pm. A notice will be sent out with Report Cards February 21 and 22. We will also have it put on the marquee, web site, and newspapers.