

## Exito en Dos Idiomas

### Roskruge Magnet K-8 School PTA

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PTA meeting 11-27-23 There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present are : Ricardo Gomez; Claudia Perez; Maricela Carranza; Leann Fletcher; Janice Padilla; Natalia Hoffman; Sally; Teresa Green(guest); Rita Verdin-Bergen; Fontana Lavetter; Alexandrina Lopez; Deborah Grunloh; Alexandra de la Rae; Excused are: Margaret Bly and Dale Lopez.

The minutes of the three previous meetings were reviewed. Ricardo Gomez moved and Claudia Perez seconded the motion to approve each of the prior minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Teresa Green, from Cholla High School Magnet Program was introduced to discuss her program. She had come to our campus to present to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and wanted to follow up with the parents. International Baccalaureate (IB) is holding an open house on Wednesday November 29, 2023. The IB curriculum takes a whole student approach, yet meets all educational requirements from the district. It prepares students for the world of work, in any career they choose. During Years 9 & 10 the students take prep classes. Earning grades of A & B's are recommended. Students must be 16 or older because of the curriculum's expectations.

Diploma candidates take certain courses in 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, including theory, which is an extended day. Career candidates are directed towards preparing themselves for that career, and are encouraged to expand their knowledge by taking advantage of the JTED related courses.

Courses candidates, i.e. ROTC program integrates certification with academics.

The IB program's holistic approach to grading allows for testing as well as oral presentations, classwork, labs, and preparation for college. For any questions, please email [Theresa.Green@TUSD1.org](mailto:Theresa.Green@TUSD1.org).

#### REPORTS:

**Treasurer report** presented by Mrs. Perez. Balance in Wells Fargo Bank is \$33,774.89. This includes \$5,746.85 available in the general fund. Mariachi had deposits of \$300 + \$500; General fund had a deposit from Square 1 Art of \$196.00; The Scholastic Book Fair transaction was completed, the first check was lost in the mail. Mrs. Bly purchased aprons for Street Fair \$95.42 and Mrs. Carranza's husband screened the Roskruge emblem on each \$50.00. Total cost per item \$14.54.

**Square 1 Art** Mrs. Fletcher reported that we learned a lot and that Mr. Adam Lopez is on board. There was \$1900 in sales, 10% or \$190.00 was credited to the general fund. No more can be purchased this season. However, we hope to include more classrooms in the project for the Spring semester. Classes should work together. Some people thought items were expensive. Mrs. Carranza would like to present the Square 1 Art during next school year's Open House .

**Principal:** BenchMark testing in Spanish, Language Arts, and Writing. Attendance has dropped us to a 'C' grade by a mere 1%. Students have free tutoring available through teaming with administration. Students enjoyed a Halloween dance. Spirit week was well attended. Newcomers were able to enjoy a Step Up event on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Tucson Convention Center to learn about high school options. Our mariachi & folklórico will perform. The Vineyard Church provided five food boxes for needy families at Thanksgiving; Youth City Church is helping five families for Christmas. Currently, families are identified through word of mouth. Can we give incentive to encourage them to maintain attendance? Mrs. Hoffman shared information regarding why students are persistently late. Mrs. Carranza does think that motivation does have a lot to do with attendance. They reach out sometimes for reasons, sometimes it does not make a difference. Michelle Fugli followed up with the Redondo family and the \$100 per teacher per school year. Letters of appreciation have been sent to the individuals that contributed to the Fund. A discussion was had regarding the addition of a playground for the older students. Mrs. Lavetter would like to look into the idea, and hopefully collect funds for it.

**Street Fair:** Please remind volunteers that they should plan on at least two hours. They should arrange to be dropped off if possible, since we will be tight on spots. Children are not permitted to work. Remind teachers that we need parent volunteers as well.

**New Business:** tabled.

**Adjourned** 6:45 next meeting 12/18/23 at 5:30 via Zoom