

Meeting Minutes

Akins ECHS PTSA Meeting

October 2, 2024

5:30 – 6:30 PM

In attendance: Paula Hawn (parent), Robin Sanchez (parent), Connie Miralrio (staff/parent), Rosa Cervantes (parent), Elijah Graber (Student), Yesenia Cardoza (parent), Beth Pasko (parent), Nikki Hempe (Parent), Trudy Richards (Treasurer), Belynda Montgomery (Parent), Carin Greene (parent), Valentin Perez (Student), Caelyn Darsby (student), Ceci Vazquez (parent), Jeff Greene (Student), Olivia Bonilla (parent), Ann Hartsfield (Teacher), Natalie Cardoza (Student), Isabel Kim (Student), Cannon McShaun (Student), Jessica Rest (Secretary)

5:34 pm - Meeting called to order.

Topic: Sept 2024 Minutes Review/Approval - Jess Rest

Review of minutes from the Sept 4, 2024 board meeting. No questions, name spelling corrections made.

Action: Ceci Vazquez motioned to approve the Sept 4, 2024, PTSA meeting minutes, Paula Hawn seconded the motion, **Motion passed unanimously.**

Topic: Fundraising Chair needed - Trudy Richards - PTSA Treasurer, opens the meeting, and looking for another Fundraising chair for the PTSA Board.

Action: None Taken

Topic: Blue and Gold Night - Trudy R. - Explanation of PTSA duties for Blue and Gold Night. Ticket sales (9 volunteers needed), a food table (Membership Chair), and a Gift Card Wall. A gift card wall will be available if PTSA receives enough donations. 11 gift cards left over from last year, and 40 are needed for the event.

Action: Belynda Montgomery, Ceci Vazquez, Carin Green, and Nikki Hempe volunteered to get gift cards.

Topic: Treasurer Report - Trudy R- Presented report. [9.30.24 Treasurer Report](#)

Action: None Taken

Topic: Membership Report - Trudy R- 67 members, goal 120 members

Action: None Taken

Topic: Parent Info Update – Trudy Richards - Explanation of how parents can get in touch with PTSA, ask questions, or other parent engagement events

Action: None taken

Topic: Fundraising Update – Trudy Richards - The main focus getting all fundraisers done by October 30th, The PTSA president working on Spirit Night

Action: None taken

Topic: Advocacy Update – Trudy Richards - Position on Prop A, and update on ISD budget cuts.

Budget Cuts: ISD formed a committee to offer input to ISD cuts. Cuts will be done over the 3-year period. We have representation (Trudy R) for District 6. Trudy discusses the committee process on how they plan to approach how the committee will choose what to cut from each department. All suggestions would be given to ISD CFO to give actual cost-to-cut suggestions the committee gave.

Position on AISD Prop A:

Action: Take a stance on Prop A: The majority voted for Akins PTSA to take a position on Prop A.

Action: 9 people would like the Akins PTSA to support Prop A - 0 people voted against supporting Prop A.

Topic: Principal's Update– Michael Herbin – PSAT 10/9 – 10/11 (TSI testing for seniors), Parent Teacher conferences Nov. Chosen to be Host Campus for African American Heritage Program (not a physical Campus Host, Event Host for performances and MC for event) Feb 23/25. Upcoming Campus improvement to security vestibule and an additional building being added to the campus.

Action: None taken

Topic: Academy Update – Anna Hartsfield - Gave updates for Academies and important fall events.

Action: New Tech Academy Update for next meeting.

Topic: STUCO Update – Student Council Officer - Membership update and meeting update. Discussed goals and events for STUCO.

Action: None taken

Topic: A+FCU Update – Not in attendance. Reminder about the Akins debit card program.

Action: None taken

Topic: Hispanic Heritage Celebration - Oct 9 – Trudy Richards - PTSA will have a table at the event and donate Jamiaca for the event.

Action: None taken

Topic: Parent Engagement Ideas – Ceci Vazquez and Connie Miralrio - Mental health and wellness, computer literacy, and financial literacy. Love and Logic is the first to host a parent engagement event. Connie is looking for more feedback, to offer more learning events for parents.

Action: None taken

Topic: Student Activity Committee – Melissa Contreras - Planning meeting with Academy Ambassadors, so they can plan and host event(s) for the students throughout the year.

Action: None taken

Adjourned meeting at 6:01 pm