

W. Charles Akins High School PTSA  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023  
Akins ECHS – College & Career Center (CCC)

**MINUTES**

**In attendance:** Trudy Richards (President/parent), Meg Kozel (VP/School Social Worker), Michael Herbin (Principal), Belynda Montgomery (Fundraising Chair/parent), Nathan Willis (Treasurer), Ella Lutz-Carrillo (Membership Chair/student), Melinda Van Horn (School Improvement Facilitator,) Paula Hawn (parent), Skylar Hawn (student), Angelica Ancira (parent), Stephanie Cerda (parent), Connie Miralrio (Parent Support Specialist), Melissa Contreras (504 Coordinator/Testing Coordinator)

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm

**Topic:** Meg Richards presented the minutes from the March 2023 general meeting.

**Action:** Belynda Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Paula Hawn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Trudy Richards included addendum to previous meeting's minutes; Richards advocated at AISD School Board Meeting for need for more support for Parent Support Specialists and shared that Trustee Gonzales amplified this need.

**Topic:** The Lion's Club presented the Akins Varsity Volleyball Team with an award for Best Sportsmanship in Austin.

**Action:** None taken.

**Topic:** Old Business - Trudy Richards discussed plans for Teacher Appreciation Week. Also reminded meeting attendees about PTSA Fundraiser night at Chuy's on 5/9/23; free queso coupons also available and provided to all teachers. Richards shared successes with planning and preparation for Teacher Appreciation Week including monetary donations totaling \$275, 18 items ordered from Amazon wishlist. Richards thanked PSS for excellent communication and support eliciting donations and volunteers.

**Action:** None taken.

**Topic:** New Business - Meg Kozel discussed plans for the Reconciliation Committee. Angelica Ancira, incoming PTSA President, plans to be on the committee, and we are still seeking a 3rd committee member to be on the committee.

**Action:** None taken.

**Topic:** Nathan Willis shared Treasurer's report. Balance of \$4,700 + left in account. Financially PTSA is in a good place for next school year and has a solid budget in preparation for Teacher Appreciation Week.

**Action:** None taken.

**Topic:** Ella Lutz-Carrillo shared PTSA membership update; no new updates since last meeting.

**Action:** None taken.

**Topic:** Belynda Montgomery shared fundraising updates. Chuy's Fundraising night on 5/9; we also received a \$1,000 donation from Men's Wearhouse and \$13 from Amazon Smile.

**Action:** None taken.

**Topic:** Michael Herbin provided the principal's report. Highlights included: STAAR/EOC exams are complete, currently doing AP Testing; Senior Breakfast is 5/12; 40 - 48 graduates of the class of 2023 will receive their Associate's Degree in addition with their High School Diploma; Prom is 5/13; Senior Finals are the week of 5/15; Seniors will take their Panoramic Picture on 5/17 as well as attend their graduation meeting and senior parade; Graduation is 5/31; 9th - 11th Final Exams are the week of 5/22.

**Action:** Feedback shared to organize and coordinate with the Akins' Vertical Team regarding "Senior Walk" dates at Elementary Schools.

**Topic:** Melissa Contreras provided Academy Updates.

**Action:** None taken.

**Topic:** Skylar Hawn provided STUCO updates. STUCO currently focusing on planning Prom. STUCO has new shirts for sale. PSS reminded about FREE Prom Dresses Available.

**Action:** None taken.

**Topic:** Nathan Willis shared updates from A+ Federal Credit Union. 6 Akins students were awarded Scholarships to be awarded to students. Continuing to seek interns for juniors/rising seniors for 2023 - 2024 school year. Internship application instructions available on A+'s website.

**Action:** None taken.

**Topic:** Appreciation gifts provided to Ella Lutz-Carrillo for serving on PTSA for 4 years including 3 years on the Executive Board as well as Ms. Connie Miralrio for all her hard work and dedication to our parents this school year!

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm