

W. Charles Akins High School PTSA
Wednesday, April 5, 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), Leah Duran (student), Angelica Ancira (parent), Stephanie Cerda (parent), Cecilia Gutierrez (Teacher), Andrew Gonzales (AISD Board Trustee), Lupita Barron (parent), Viridiana Reich (parent)

The meeting was called to order at 5:38pm

Topic: Trudy 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.

Topic: Trudy Richards discussed plans for Teacher Appreciation Week. PTSA plans to host a nacho bar for teachers and staff. Admin plans to grill for staff on Monday. Parent Support Specialist will collaborate with community volunteers for Tuesday & Wednesday. Discussed the amount of staff goodie bags needed.

Action: None taken.

Topic: New Business - Nomination Committee Chair Meg Kozel shared the following nominations for PTSA officers for SY 23 - 24: Angelica Ancira (President), Meg Kozel (VP), Trudy Richards (Secretary), and Nathan Willis (Treasurer).

Action: Trudy Richards facilitated Officer Elections. There were no additional nominees and all nominated officers elected unanimously.

Topic: Ella Lutz-Carrillo shared PTSA membership update - currently have 101 members. Discussed goal of 150 members for PTSA for next school year. Thoughtful discussion about how to increase membership. Ms. Angelica Ancira shared ideas. Spanish speaking parents shared their thoughts and ideas about how to increase membership among Spanish-speaking population as well.

Action: None taken.

Topic: Belynda Montgomery shared fundraising updates. Double Dave's yielded \$100. Whataburger yielded the largest amount of money. Updates on more events to come at Chuy's this year.

Action: None taken.

Topic: Nathan Willis shared Treasurer's report. Balance of \$3000 + left in account. \$100 left allocated for student support.

Action: Meg Kozel motioned to provide \$100 in student support for Senior Send-Off event. Motion seconded by Belynda Montgomery. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Topic: Michael Herbin provided the principal's report. Highlights included: update from visit from the US Department of Education - Akins was selected for this visit based on our CTE programming; College & Career Fair on 4/10; STAAR/EOC testing coming up ; plethora of UIL successes. Parent shared communication concerns. Trustee Gonzales shared feedback to parents and encouraged parents to shared feedback at upcoming board meeting.

Action: None taken.

Topic: Skylar Hawn provided STUCO updates. STUCO currently focusing on planning Prom. Seniors are doing a cookie fundraiser for Prom. STUCO also working on creating class shirts to sell as a fundraiser.

Action: None taken.

Topic: Nathan Willis shared updates from A+ Federal Credit Union. Scholarships to be awarded to students. Partnering with the Parent Support Specialist to provide support for families. Teacher appreciation plans are upcoming; scholarships for teachers still available. Internships available for juniors/rising seniors.

Action: None taken.

Topic: Melinda Van Horn provided Academy Updates.

Action: None taken.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.