



Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 13, 2008

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:
Monday August 4th 7:00 p.m.
Lorenzo Board Room

Subject: Lorenzo PTSA start-up Meeting!

ATTENDEES

#	P/A/G	NAME	MEETING ROLE	Phone Number	E-mail
1	P	Dick Van Hoose	Superintendent		
2	P	Jerrod Pickering	High School Principle		
3	P	Suzanne McGuire	Elementary Principle		
4	P	Cheryl Birdwell	High School Teacher		
5	P	Dee Dee Collins	Elementary Teacher & Parent		
6	P	Mauni Rackley	Parent advocate		
7	P	Gladys Salinas	Elementary Teacher & Parent		
8	P	Vicente Salinas	Parent advocate		
9	P	Jennifer Salazar	Parent advocate		
10	P	James Salazar	Parent advocate		
11	P	Cecilia Martinez	Parent advocate		
12	I	Adam Martinez	Parent advocate		
13	P	Corina Martinez	Parent advocate		
14	I	Ruben Martinez	Parent advocate		
15	P	Helen Rodriguez	Parent advocate		
16	P	Jorge Rodriguez	Parent advocate		
17	P	Liliana Landin	Parent advocate		
18	I	John Landin	Parent advocate		
19	I	Hilda Hinojos	Parent advocate		
20	I	Janet Deleon	Parent advocate		
21	I	Terry Garcia	Parent advocate		
22	I	Tina Jennings	Parent advocate		

P = Present; I = Invited but not able to attend

AGENDA

Meeting Location: Lorenzo High School Board Room

Agenda

- Brainstorm desire to form Lorenzo PTSA

MEETING MINUTES

- Provided General PTA information to the group

- Brainstormed:

Things I Love!

- o Graduation Ceremony for Elementary
- o Teacher Parent Conferences
- o Aces
- o Small class size
- o Support from Teachers to students
- o Very financially stable school
- o Huge support and pride for Basketball
- o Strong Teacher retention



- o Free lunch and summer lunch
- o Wednesday folder communication

Things that worry me...

- o Stronger communication between parents (language barrier is a possible item to consider)
- o How school looks (update outdated areas)
- o No gifted and talented program (Parents were not aware of existing program - High School)
- o 11 man football

Ideas!

- o PTSA and not just PTA – include students
- o Monthly Newsletter/Website to increase pride and communication in school (utilize students to create, Jerrod shared that he had purchased cameras for students)
- o Ensure student achievements are in newspaper (place an article at least once a month)
- o Parents want to meet teachers early prior to first day of school
- o Additional sports for students outside of football and basketball (strong feelings around adding Baseball/Softball and moving to 11 man Football)
- o Add a program for 6th graders to prepare them for secondary education
- o Fund raisers to potentially provide computer/internet access to parents
- o Sign celebrating Basketball season success on highway (always advertise high impact successes)
- o Ensure Sex Education Program meets the readiness needs of Parents and Students in order to adequately address what can be a very sensitive topic
- o Programs to assist in increasing testing scores (SAT, ACT, TAKS, etc.)
- o Research how we academically rank against other schools (some parents have heard that our students are an entire year behind surrounding schools)
- o Program to increase student awareness and benefits of a college education
- o Local library only open 2 days a week – create volunteer list of parents to open for more days

Next Steps

- Next Meeting Monday August 4th 7:00 p.m Lorenzo Board Room
- Invite PTA representative
- Invite additional High School Parent Advocates

KEY DECISIONS

All were in favor of starting a Lorenzo PTSA! YEA!!

ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

Action Item	Status	Owner
Jerrod will contact his PTA resource	complete	Jerrod
Invite additional High School Parent Advocate	pending	everyone

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N/A

