

**ASKEW ELEMENTARY
PTO MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

Executive Board Members Present

Anna Heinzelmann- President
Sabrina Nedwed- Treasurer
Brandie Horton- VP Volunteers
Azalia Mathis- VP Fundraising
Elvia Akhtar- VP Membership

Comments by PTO President

- Anna Heinzelmann introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Talent show is on December 15th and lots of help is needed. Please consider volunteering.
- The PTO has held two fundraising Spirit Night events. The events raised a total of \$300.
- The next Spirit Night will be on Thursday December 7th at Free Birds on Westheimer- 5-8pm
- The Box Tops collection raised approximately \$185 for Askew. Ms. Perez class won the prize for most Box Tops collected.
 - The goal for the year is \$1000. Next collection drive date is March 1st, 2018.
- Anna also introduced the Principal of Askew Elementary, Ms. Cumby.

Principal Cumby Remarks

- Construction of new building is on scheduled.
- Askew has 3 students over the projected enrollment. A big difference from beginning of the year. This means HISD owes the school some money.
- The boy's bathroom in the 4th and 5th grade hall has a leak; which has caused some damage on the floor. A work order has been

- issued and Ms. Cumby is hopeful that problem will be fixed soon.
- In the meantime, boys are utilizing the teacher's bathroom.

Science Fair- Mr. Wooten

- Mr. Wooten is hopeful that he can have a Science fair up and running by end of next term.
- Mr. Wooten says he welcomes volunteers and promises to do better at reaching out to parents. To volunteer please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084da8a72aa2ff2-science>.
- Mr. Wooten is also trying to get the Science Club back on as well a Coding Club. An idea is to reach out to Fortune 500 companies and see if they can sponsor Stem Programs at Askew.
- Mr. Robinson will be helping Mr. Wooten with the fair.

Talent Show

- The talent show will be held on December 15th.
- A flyer was sent out on last Tuesday folder.
- Try-outs were held on 11/9/17
- Volunteers needed to help with concessions stand, ticket sales, set up and so on. Please email askewpto@gmail.com to volunteer.

Brandie Horton- VP Volunteers

- Open positions for Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian
- Assistance is needed with the 5th grade Movin'On. Please email eoakhtar@gmail.com if you would like to help.
- We are in need of parent volunteers to provide reading assistance during the school day. 25% of Askew elementary students are not reading on level. Please consider volunteering- all you need is 30mins a week.
 - Please email askewpto@gmail.com if you can help.
 - First and Second graders need the most help with reading.
- Help is needed with carpool during the morning drop off. Your help will improve the process of unloading kids in a safe manner.

To volunteer please sign up using the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094dacac2fa2fc1-morning>

Azalia Mathis- VP Fundraising

- Azalia opened up her remarks by welcoming everyone for attending the PTO meeting. She also encouraged everyone to spread the word about the meetings to other parents.
- A Sponsorship letter has been written up and she will be reaching out to local businesses for sponsor opportunities.
 - The local business can sponsor school activities, school supplies, events, etc.
- A Holiday Card fundraising is going on- cards designed by HISD students. A pack of 10 sells for \$8. PTO will make a \$2 profit for every pack sold.

Sabrina Nedwed- Treasurer

- PTO is on budget.
- PTO received donations from PTO's in Georgia and Colorado, totaling \$2100.

Elvia Akhtar- VP Membership

- 156 families and staff have joined PTO.
- The classes with the highest PTO Membership were Ms. K Calhoun and Ms. Arriaga's classes. Both grades won a Popsicle Party on October 20th, 2017.
- PTO Skate Night took place at DARR on Friday October 27th, 2017.

ATA Martial Arts-

- ATA had a performance.
- Master Sears promoted the Anti-bullying class. There 2 classes

taking place.

- 11/18/17 Timings are 9am and 11 am
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- Registration is \$15.

Next PTO meeting will take place on December 6th at 6pm.