

Tavan PTO Meeting
December 3, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm.

Principal's Report: Instructional rounds are being done here at Tavan. Teachers are observing other teachers in classrooms and then meeting to give feedback, share techniques. This is a voluntary system, with teachers requesting, confirming with other teachers. They will be watching student questions and questions that the teachers ask of the students. Are teachers asking thought provoking questions or more "yes and no" questions? They can find out what is working and what is not working.

Next week is Hour of Code Week. Students will be doing code work in computers class and have started work in the classroom as well. Next week is Computer Science Week. Press Release is to be done for possible news attention.

Windows 2003 is not going to be supported as of April 2014, planning to upgrade so Read180 can continue. Read180 is a program where students are identified as needing reading assistance and are pulled out of the classroom to work with Ms. Majerson (reading specialist) so they can get caught up to grade level. The growth within this program is amazing!

Treasurer's Report: This month we overspent our collections. The Book Fair was \$5K in and \$5K out. Right now Movie Nights are \$750 profit but there are additional expenses to still be submitted. Fall fundraiser will wrap up on Thursday, Dec 5th, money deposited at the end of the week.

Letter to SUSD Governing Board: Francesca Thomas (Arcadia Complex parent) sent a note to our PTO asking for a letter from our PTO board members, if we believe just, to the SUSD Governing Board showing support in our superintendent, as he is trying to make strides to have the budget cuts not affect the classroom as much as possible. Francesca will be attending the Dec 10th board meeting and would like as much parent support and PTO board support. Our Tavan PTO Board doesn't feel we have enough information to draft a letter without being reckless. We have agreed to try and bring a presence by attending the board meeting on Dec 10th at 5pm - 7pm. Anyone can attend the meetings, located at the SUSD District Office on 44th St. and Indianola.

Cafecitos Meeting Feedback: PTO Board Member attended the Cafecitos meeting last week with the intention of bridging the gap and working together. Tavanival planning will commence.

Calendar:

Movie Night on Friday, Dec 6th @ 6:30pm, gates open at 6:00pm

McTeacher Night Dec 10th @ 4:30pm-7:30pm

Winter Wonderland Dec 10th-13th

Need Help with Planning Upcoming Events: Please contact Gena Pimbert @ gpimbert@gmail.com or 602-705-2966 cell if you'd like to help with the following events:

Holiday Staff Luncheon & Gifts

Cosmic Extravaganza Jan 24th

Tavanival & Auction March 1st

Get Movin' (Spring)

Teacher Appreciation Week May 6th Nat'l Day

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.