



***Kyrene de los Cerritos  
PTO General Meeting  
January 12, 2010  
Meeting Minutes***

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**CALL TO ORDER**

❖ The meeting was called to order by Erica Riordan, President, at 8:10 am.

❖ Attendees for the meeting were as follows:

<b>President</b>	Erica Riordan	<b>Vice President</b>	Stephanie Hayden
<b>Secretary</b>	Sharon Schramm	<b>Historian</b>	Janet Mooneyham
<b>Principal</b>	Darcy DiCosmo	<b>Hospitality</b>	Mayme McDonald
<b>Student Advisor</b>	Kelley Brunner	<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Frances Brakebill
<b>Treasurer</b>	Joan Sample	<b>Communications</b>	Maria Riggs

- ❖ *Leader in Me Update* – Darcy gave an overview of the Vision Day held on Sat Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. It included a brainstorming session on what Cerritos does well. A 1-hour overview is going to be created for teachers that help get everyone on board. Panda Express, via The Panda Charitable Foundation has agreed sponsor the continuation of The Leader in Me for Cerritos. This equates to over \$10,000 in support for our activities. The question was raised “How can we find other sponsors?”
- ❖ *Yearbook* – The winner is Maddy Kovacs, Joint runners-up are Aidan Schramm and Mark Kastelic.
- ❖ *Treasurers Report* – The latest budget summary was reviewed. (See attachment). The current bank balance is \$23,059.
- ❖ *Holiday Boutique* – This was extremely successful and due the numerous donations, a profit of over \$1500 was made. There are a few teachers/parents who are not keen on the Winter Boutique but the vast majority is in favor of keeping it next year.
- ❖ *School Cents* – Reminder that in January all receipts will be worth double points and Mall gift cards will be worth triple. Envelopes were sent home for parents to collect their receipts in. If these are sent to school, Stephanie will take them to the Mall, log them at the Customer Service Desk and then return the receipts. Stephanie has also been attending all the meetings, which gives a bonus of 5000 points per meeting.
- ❖ *Box Top/Cookie Dough Winners* – Mrs. Hunts 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class won both contests.

- ❖ *Stand for Children* – A kickoff meeting for the Kyrene District is scheduled for Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a number of guest speakers including Dr. Schauer and Mrs. Di Cosmo. The emphasis will be getting the word out about the upcoming override vote on March 9<sup>th</sup>, which if lost will decrease Kyrene funding by \$12 million.
- ❖ *Go Green* – The garden will be built and planted on January 23<sup>rd</sup> – and they are looking for volunteers to help build the raised beds. All the students planted seedlings (tomatoes, lettuce and cilantro) and had a great time.
- ❖ *School Store* – There is an issue with the classroom – the traffic is very distracting to the pre-school classrooms and it was suggested that the school store move to the PTO room. This will be tried for a couple of weeks to see if it is successful.
- ❖ *Square One Art* – Mary Axelrod will chair and Deb Smothers will co-chair. This effort needs to be kicked off ASAP.
- ❖ *Tax Credit* – Only \$9000 in donations has been received, as of Jan 4<sup>th</sup> – a significant drop from last year!
- ❖ Family Night Out – Papa John's Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, California Pizza Kitchen Jan 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ 100<sup>th</sup> Day of school – Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – Mayme McDonald will try and get painter's hats donated for the kids to decorate.
- ❖ *Hospitality* – The teachers' Winter Luncheon will be Wednesday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Mayme and Amy have organized a healthy Mexican Feast for Teachers, as well as drinks and snacks that will be served throughout the day.
- ❖ *Sock Hop* – Lorinda Thompson & Lisa Liberta will be co-chairing this on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Coffee Chat – Darcy will be starting a monthly drop in session for parents who want to meet with her in an informal setting. The first one will be Friday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 7:20 - 8:00am.
- ❖ *Retirement* – *Vicki Reed* – Art teacher Vicki Reed will be retiring at the end of the school year. Darcy asked for ideas for a fitting art display that would mark her retirement. One thought is to create a tile mural which all the students help design. It was suggested that this be handled via Art Masterpiece. If anyone else has any suggestions they should contact Darcy.

❖ **The meeting was adjourned at 9:21am.**

*Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schramm, Secretary*

Attachments: Latest 2009-2010 Treasurers Report