**PTO meeting October 9th 6pm**

The meeting covered upcoming events and planning for October and November. Key events include Skate City on October 15th, Hispanic Heritage Month and 20th anniversary celebration on October 18th, and Trunk or Treat on October 25th. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for October 24th and 25th, with the PTO providing dinner for teachers. Donations are needed for tacos, cilantro, onions, lime, salsa, and chips. The PTO is also planning a Penguin Patch and Movie Night in December. Discussions included the need to clarify the purpose of chocolate sales and potential improvement projects.

**Transcript**

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**Action items**

• [] Coordinate with a taco vendor for the Hispanic Heritage Month event.

• [] Organize volunteers to bring donations for parent-teacher conferences.

• [] Recruit volunteers to work at the concession stand during parent-teacher conferences.

**Outline**

**Introductions and New Members**

• Dana Contreras introduces herself as a teacher and mentions she has a student who attends the school.

• Nikki Bails introduces herself as a PE teacher with a daughter attending the school.

• Daniel Ibarra introduces himself as the director of the Boys and Girls Club, mentioning his two children who attend the school.

• Additional introductions are made, with participants mentioning their names and children at the school.

**October Events Overview**

• Dana Contreras discusses the upcoming events in October, including Skate City, which will be different this year without staff taking attendance.

• The 18th is marked as Hispanic Heritage Month and the 20th anniversary celebration with various performances and activities in the cafeteria, gym, and library.

• Food arrangements are mentioned, with a taco stand outside and a need to speak with a vendor who will sell paletas.

• Invitations were sent to former staff and family members of Edward Babe Gomez to attend the anniversary celebration.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences and Food Donations**

• Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday night, with the PTO providing dinner for teachers on Wednesday.

• Deana and her husband are donating tacos for Thursday night, with a call for volunteers to bring additional items like cilantro, onion, lime, salsa, and chips.

• Discussion about setting up a grill outside the red hallway for cooking during the conferences.

• Volunteers are needed for concessions during the parent-teacher conferences.

**Trunk or Treat Event**

• PTO is partnering with Completely Kids for a Trunk or Treat event on October 25th, where participants will decorate their car trunks and kids go trick or treating.

• PTO will provide candy, and participants are encouraged to decorate their trunks in a theme or design.

• The event is from 5pm to 8pm. Participants should arrive at the latest by 4:30pm for setup.

• The event includes a bounce house, haunted house in the music room, and food truck, with no requirement for kids to dress up.

**November and December Events**

• In November, the PTO meeting is scheduled, and in December, there will be a Penguin Patch and Movie Night.

**Additional Discussion**

• Discussion about the timing of bringing food for parent-teacher conferences, with suggestions for storing it in the fridge if brought in early. Donations should be at the school at 3pm at the latest.

• Clarification on the fall festival on October 31, with a discussion about providing snacks and prizes for a dance contest.

• The need for a clear purpose for fundraising, such as playground repairs, is highlighted, with a suggestion to prioritize outdoor classroom needs.

**Chocolate Sales and Fundraising Goals**

• A question is raised about the purpose of chocolate sales, and it is acknowledged that a clear goal should be communicated to students and parents.

• Discussion about past fundraising efforts, including the soccer field and Timberwolf Park, and the need to revisit these goals.

• Suggestion to prioritize outdoor classroom needs and playground repairs, with a call for a walk-around to identify areas in need of improvement.

• The importance of focusing on specific projects to ensure effective use of funds and maintain momentum for fundraising efforts.

* The meeting ended with a walkthrough of Timberwolf Park, the playground, and outdoor classroom and discussion of needed repairs.
* PTO will start with repairing the outdoor classroom. Our main fundraising focus will be for playground repairs.