



Ivey Ranch PTO Meeting

March 20, 2024 | 6pm Meeting called by Jordyn Ybarra

Board members

Jordyn Ybarra, *President*

Amanda Barnes, *Co-VP Family Events*

Jennifer Williams, *Co-VP Family Events*

Alyssa Chase, *VP Merchandising*

Keri Picciolo, *VP Educational Services*

Abi Studer, *VP Fundraising*

Cheryl Valenzuela, *Secretary*

Shelly Tavares, *Co-Treasurer*

Kristen Mahlstedt, *Co-Treasurer*

Jon Studer, *Co-Chair Marketing*

Cristina Rangel, *Co-Chair Marketing*

Niall Cargill, *Co-Chair Marketing*

Sara Simmons, *5th Grade Representative*

Board Members Present: Jordyn Ybarra, Amanda Barnes, Jennifer Williams, Keri Picciolo, Abi Studer, Cheryl Valenzuela, Shelly Tavares, Kristen Mahlstedt, Jon Studer, Cristina Rangel

Others Present: Donna Melton, Anthony Brugnano, Kristen Plumb, Tatyana Williams, Kyla Kendle, Sarah Harrington, Jessica Goss, Amanda Maslowski, Angela Hardy

Meeting Called to Order by President Jordyn Ybarra at 6:07pm

Item	Presenter
Welcome	Jordyn Ybarra
Principal's Report	Sarah Harrington
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congratulations and thank you for the support on Apex Fun Run - Attendance challenge with glow party as reward for the 2 weeks before Spring Break to boost attendance around break times. More details to come in the newsletter. 	
Budget Updates	Kristen Mahlstedt & Shelly Tavares
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5th grade camp team raised \$12,000, reducing \$125 per camper - Grade level funds – please relay to teachers to spend these funds. Questions please contact the treasurers. \$550 per grade level. 	
Elections & Nominations	Jordyn Ybarra
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Votes on nominees will be going out. Write ins accepted. 	
Upcoming Events & Committee Reports	
A. Apex	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goal was \$50,000, actual profit was \$47,945. 1829 pledges. 445 students participated. 186 leadership lessons taught. 300 hours provided by Apex. 1479 donations received from 51 states. 	Jordyn Ybarra
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funds this year will go to general fund. - In past years teachers received 10% of funds raised by the classroom. This year, reimbursement per teacher was increased to \$250 equally distribute 	

funds across classrooms. Additional funds were also added to cover all field trip transportation costs. Top 5 teachers will receive Amazon gift cards.

- Apex cut is 42%. This covers all hours, leadership lessons, and donation platform provided by Apex.
- Discussion around how Apex handles kids who do not earn prizes to ensure kids don't feel left out.

B. School Clubs & Activities

- Looking for interest in starting extracurricular clubs, such as running or chess club.
- PTO can support clubs financially.
- To start a club, a volunteer and teacher sponsor are needed.
- Clubs are held before school and during lunch.
- Ms. Harrington will look into district rules for extracurricular clubs.

C. Dine Out Night

- Raised \$250 at Big Bob's dine out night
- Upcoming April 10 at Handel's, April 24 at Mountain Mike's, May 22 at Panera
- Brrr Shaved Ice - 3 upcoming dates on site
- Dinner with teacher idea to promote dine out nights

Abi Studer

D. Yearbook Update

- Approaching final deadline
- Last day to buy mid April
- Looking for volunteers to take PE photos
- Need more candid teacher photos

E. Teacher Appreciation Week

- 2nd week of May
- Coffee and bagels on Monday, lunch on Wednesday, calendar will be sent in May newsletter
- Send ideas to Keri!
- Will put together an Amazon wishlist. Looking for additional support from families and local businesses.
- Open house is Wednesday May 8
- Keri will send communication to PTO delegates with suggestions
- Would like to bring back door decorating
- Paraprofessionals and other staff members will all be included in the general teacher appreciation week

Keri Picciolo

Fencing Update

- Ms. Harrington has met with the district and no modifications will be made, including adding any plants on the exterior of the fence line.
- Request for explanation on why Ditmar was allowed to put up a screen on the fence.
- Request for disclosures regarding data security cameras on campus. Abi has made a FOIA request for more information on the winning bid. Response was more information would be provided on or around April 15. Ms. Harrington is currently the only individual on the school site that has access to view the cameras.

Entire Board

- Request for what happens if someone approaches the fence. Ms. Harrington shared that if a noon duty observes activity (loitering) the noon duties are to radio the front office, and Ms. Harrington would determine the course of action.
- Jennifer Williams shared experience as a noon duty of a man with dog that approached the fence and the kids were petting the dog through the fence.
- Request for reason why the privacy screening was not replaced. Ms. Harrington shared that line of sight outside of school boundaries is important.
- Response from Mike Blessing, area district board representative has requested one year of documented instances before taking action.
- Fencing was replaced to reduce the size of the gaps in chain link to make it less scalable.
- Kids are have been observed climbing the back gate 10 minutes before school is released with no supervision. Back gate is currently left unlocked by BASE program. Back gate is otherwise locked, and exception was made by the fire marshal and all adults on campus carry a key.
- Ms. Harrington mentioned increased measures to lock gates during school hours. Per policy, the campus must remain open to public access.
- Jordyn requested support from Ms. Harrington and Ms. Goss to support voicing parental concerns.
- The petition has achieved 235 signatures. New link on the PTO website documenting the situation and attempts to resolve.
- Request to Ms. Harrington and Ms. Goss to help document incidents.
- Request as to why a fence was installed that is contradictory to the facilities master plan.
- Next step if school site administration cannot assist, parents should attend the next school board meeting.
- Request to Ms. Harrington to put requests to district in writing.
- Ms. Harrington has agreed to document incidents for board member review.
- Ms. Harrington states that the supervisor has responded to community emails.
- District communication can be discoverable via CA public records request.
- Uniform complaint form will be submitted to the district.
- Request to make parents aware of incidents at the fence line. Abi has shared some of the incidents that she has been made aware of on the page linked on the PTO website.
- Currently no incident reports are made by the school except in the case of a safety incident. A safety incident would be defined by the district.
- A large turnout at a district board meeting could result in the item being agendaized on a future district meeting.
- All observed incidents or correspondence, please send to fundraising@iveyranchpto.org.
- Anerea Norma is the district contact regarding getting back the privacy screening that was removed.

Meeting adjourned by President Jordyn Ybarra at 7:55pm.

Open Committee Board Positions:

Traffic Safety | Classroom Delegates | Dance Night | Creative Team | Game Night | Yearbook Coordinator

