

Ben Milam PTO Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020

I. President, Laura Garza called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. The minutes from the November PTO meeting were read by Annie Holand Miller. Minutes were approved.

III. Mrs. Quintanilla gave a report on our Texas Education Agency's Report Card (you can access this on the TEA website). A reminder that we are rated through the state in student achievement, student progress and closing the gap. We scored an A. If you review the report, you will get more details on the school demographics, etc. We also got 6 distinctions.

We just finished Spring Benchmarks for 4th and 5th graders—and there was great progress.

We have a lot of resources that you have access to from home. Be sure to tap into those and use them.

A huge thank you for parental volunteers—especially Chhaya Bhakta, our traffic volunteer in the mornings.

Our kids are being stretched. Encourage them. Support them. And understand that they will go through struggles—and that is what makes them stronger.

IV. Spring Fundraiser—Laura Garza for Sarah Meyer

We have our Spring Raffle and Closed Bid Auction. We are extending the deadline—and will let you know soon the new due date. The student who sells the most tickets in each grade will go bowling with Mrs. Quintanilla, Mrs. Morin and Mrs. Guerra. The prizes are fantastic—so please share with your friends and family!

V. Treasurer's Report—Chhaka Bhakta

Starting Balance: \$82,528.69

Income: 1,811.21 (includes Spirit Night and Amazon Smile)

Expenses: \$24,942.95

Ending Balance: \$69,039.59

We have pending deposits of Student Council Candy Grams and Raffle Ticket Sales.

The money that the PTO raises is used to help cover expenses like the field trips our students get to enjoy, programs our students are participating in, etc. It is very important that we all participate and help raise funds.

VI. We will be electing a new slate of officers at our April meeting. If you're interested in participating, please let us know.

VII. Program – Mrs. Olivarez (3rd Grade) and Mrs. Kester (5th grade)

VI. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.