

Coleman School PTO Meeting

Monday, March 4, 2024

6:00– 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions – Melinda (5 min)

2. Approve February Meeting Minutes – Anne (2 min)

Motion to Approve: Melinda

Second: Alex

Approved 26 people on zoom

3. Coleman Library and Spring Into Reading! - Sarah Soss (10 minutes)

Sarah Soss has been in her role for 2 months and is really enjoying the students and community.

Spring Into Reading next week March 12-15: Make Your Own Bookmark Day, Cozy Reading Day, Read to you Buddy Day, Guest Readers (local firefighter, grandparents, ect) on Friday.

Mission and Vision for Coleman Library: to make it very inclusive and welcoming for every student. Goal is to make sure all students see themselves reflected through the library whether that be through different characters and different storylines. Have been ordering new books with Guatemalan main characters, Black main characters, female main characters, and more.

Inclusive space – newer desks and tables and more comfortable seating that can be more easily moved around, more comfy cushions to make the library new and comfortable and warm and welcoming.

The library is a community space that is open during Exploration time (artwork and other activities). Will be looking to re-start Book Club soon.

Stop by and visit the library! Volunteer during classroom library time!

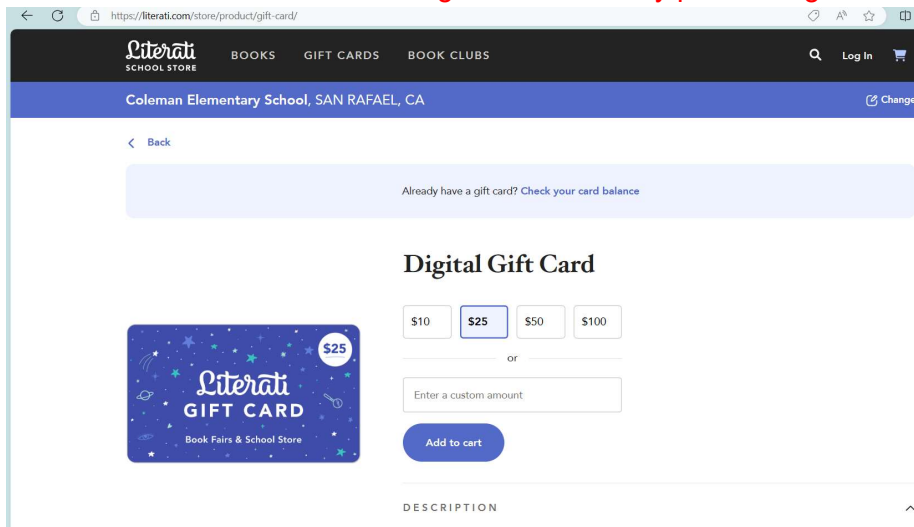
IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AVAILBALE: stop by and help hang the Artwork students created during Black History Week Celebration.

4. Upcoming Events - Melinda (5 minutes)

- Dine and Donate @ Celia's Mexican Restaurant - Tuesday, March 5
- Morning Message 2nd/3rd Grade families - Wednesday, March 6
- Walk and Roll to School – Wednesday, March 6
- Book Fair: Monday, March 18 - Friday, March 22
- Movie Night: Tuesday, March 19th
- Family Game: Thursday, March 21
- Corn Hole Tournament (adults only, tickets required): Saturday, April 20 5-9pm at Marin Bocci
- Dad's Work Day: Saturday, May 4th

5. Coleman Book Fair – Nicole/Anne (8 minutes)

- Partnering with Literati for the first time this year, they'll provide a fun and new assortment of books for our Book Fair. Come shop the Book Fair for new books for your home and for your student's classroom and school library!
- Monday – Friday, March 18-22, open before school, afterschool and during lunch
- Tuesday (Movie Night) and Thursday (Game Night) night open 4:30-7pm. Food for sale at 5pm, Movie/Games begin at 5:30pm
- Collecting donations for our Tiger Book Fund to ensure ALL students are able to take a book home from our Book Fair regardless of their family's financial circumstance.
- Make a Donation to the Tiger Book Fund by purchasing a Literati e-Gift Card [here](#)



Link to volunteer: <https://signup.com/go/DKoAanv>

Shop online book fair: [Literati School Store](#)

6. Rafael Drive at School drop off and pick up - Melinda (3 minutes)

Safe Routes to School audit in 2019 determined it would be safest to make Rafael Drive a one-way street from East to West (towards the freeway). Rafael Drive is not currently a one-way street but we are asking families to only drive Westbound on Rafael Drive during school drop off and pick up to keep Rafael Drive as safe as possible for pedestrians and drivers.

We need more parents to attend Safe Routes meetings to amplify the need and desire make this change to Rafael Drive.

7. Principal's Report - Mr Peck (20 minutes)

Attendance: District goal is to increase ADA (Average Daily Attendance) by 1% which will increase the district budget by \$500K. Coleman's ADA is 94% (22 students absent from school each day), our goal is to increase ADA to 95% (and higher). Absenteeism leads to learning loss. We are seeing holes and gaps in foundational learning in our upper grades still due to higher

absenteeism during Covid. iReady scores will help us understand where our students are and more specifically what gaps our students still have, iReady provides individualized activities and lessons for each student, if parents want their students to practice more math and English language, they should encourage them to practice using iReady on their school chrome book.

District Budget: School Board approved the district's recommendation for where and how to reduce the budget to meet next year's state funding. School sites are still figuring out how the District budget reductions will impact each site. Enrollment for 24/25 school year will also impact FTE positions.

District funding for Reading Intervention is being significantly reduced for next year. If possible, Alex hopes to supplement the funding the district is providing for Reading Intervention to maintain these services at Coleman next year. For this school year, the focus with our 1 FTE intervention headcount was on our lower grades to close the achievement gap early on. Focused on strengthening foundational reading skills for 1st, 2nd, 3rd graders so they can progress through school at grade level and fully engaged in in-classroom learning. We are seeing significant gains in reading proficiency among the group being served by the Reading Intervention teacher (Ms Leshchiner).

Alex's priority is to maintain fulltime (>.8FTE) counseling services at Coleman and then to maintain fulltime Reading Intervention (>.8FTE)

Attendance, enrollment, and state budget cuts are all interconnected and impact District and School Site funding.

Continuing to do work to enhance restorative practices within and across classrooms.

Tuesday, March 5 – Alex, Martha, and Ms Blake will be having a meeting with English Language Learning Families in Kindergarten to review and discuss report cards – how to understand report cards and engage in Parent/Teacher conferences. If this is successful, will replicate with broader community and higher grade levels.

English Language proficiency assessment in April. In May 3rd – 5th grades will take State Testing

2nd Grade gallery walk happened and it was great!

8. Questions/Open Forum (7 minutes)

Stacey: Do families need to fill out the survey for Expanded Learning After School programming

Answer: Yes, fill it out each time it is sent out

Melinda – Thank you to the many Coleman parents who attended and engaged in the multiple District Budget meetings. We have had solid fundraising so far this year, but if you're in a position to increase your donation to Coleman, please do because we expect the expenses we will want PTO to fund next year will be m

Jennifer: Sarah Soss – are you interested in used book donations for the library?

Melinda: PTO Exec Board positions – come join the Board! There are several Exec Board positions for whom their terms are up at the end of this year and will need to be filled by someone new.

Crystal: How does Independent Study work?

Answer: Independent Study is typically approved for absences between 5-10 days. Student's attendance and grades/performance are taken into consideration when deciding to approve or decline an independent study request.

Reminders:

Parent Teacher Conferences: Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15

No School Monday, March 11

Minimum Day Schedule (11:50am dismissal) Tuesday, March 12 - Friday, March 15