

Coleman School PTO Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
6:00– 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions – Melinda (5 min)

2. Approve December Board Minutes – Anne (2 min)

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Motion to approve: Melinda M

Second: Christie B

in attendance: 21

3. Upcoming Events - Melinda (5 minutes)

- Parents for Racial Equity Workshop 4 @ DMS Library - Wed, January 17 from 5-6:30pm
- Dine and Donate @ Pond Farm - Thursday, January 25
- Crab Feed @ Rod and Gun Club - Saturday, January 27
- Family Game Night @ Coleman - Friday, February 9 5:30-7pm

4. Crab Feed Updates - Melinda + Kalie (10 minutes)

21st annual Crab Feed! Biggest fundraising event of the year. This year's theme is "90s!" so wear your favorite 90's vibe or be a rebel and wear your favorite Saturday night outfit - anything goes! Menu includes Crab and Prime Rib. We have a great DJ lined up (Coleman mom!) and we'll have lots of items to bid on in the Auction (Live and Silent Auction). Adults only. Teachers are invited to attend (free) and can buy a discounted ticket for friend(s) - Melinda will send out separate links to sign up and buy guest tickets.

Silent auction will be online and will go live a few days before the event, people can bid and win items without attending the event.

Volunteers will be needed - be on the lookout for a link to sign up for a shift to help set up, check-in desk, clean up.

Buy your ticket today! [Paybee](#)

5. TK-1st grades Garden STEM program update - Nicole (5 minutes)

Some parents showed up for the Garden Work Day over break to help remove a tree, move and prep garden beds, we're almost ready to plant. Tk, K and 1st have had 5 weeks of classes, kids are loving their Garden class!

Parents - please come volunteer in the Garden Classroom! Garden classes are Mondays and Thursdays 12:45 - 2:45.

There will be another Garden Work Day in the Spring.

6. BADM (Bay Area Discovery Museum) STEM program for 2-5th grades - Ranjani (5 minutes)

This is a new program/opportunity offered to students for the first time this year. This program is fully funded by donations to the PTO, thank you for your Tiger Fund donations.

Each class will participate in 4-5 sessions throughout the Spring semester. Students will explore Cause/Effect and Energy and Function concepts through hands-on learning and experimentation.

Parents are welcome to attend to participate and support students in their learning and exploration.

7. After School Classes @ Coleman offered by City of San Rafael - Melinda (3 minutes)

- Website to view class schedules and register: [Activity search | San Rafael Recreation \(activecommunities.com\)](https://www.sanrafaelrecreation.com/activecommunities.com)
- Registration open now for Winter and Spring sessions:
 - Amazing Science (Winter and Spring)
 - Chess (Winter and Spring)
 - Oven Baked Clay (Winter)
 - Glass Fusing (Spring)
 - Jewelry Making (Spring)
 - Before school spanish (Winter/Spring)
 - After school spanish (Winter/Spring)

8. Principal's Report - Mr Peck (15 minutes)

Kids were excited and exhausted being back at school after the break today. Lots of community circles happening in classrooms in the morning.

Black History Month week will happen on campus in the beginning of February (similar to Hispanic Heritage week celebration that happened in the Fall).

Fire Drill and Lock Down Drill happening in the coming weeks.

iReady data will be reviewed in the next School Site Council

9. Questions/Open Forum (10 minutes)

Question (Crystal) - with the change to the After School Care program, will these classes from City of San Rafael still be available on campus for students? Answer: Currently, the plan is to continue to offer these classes that will be available to all Coleman students to sign up. The current LEAP program already offers Chess and other classes to LEAP participants but the programming for the new After School Care program isn't finalized.

Question (Crystal) - For our family, MLK day is a Day Off (School) and Day In (Service). Could we consider adding a Service Activity for students for MLK (and potentially other school holidays) to do as a community? There was a lot of interest from parents for this. Alex and Crystal will connect to discuss this idea further for the future.

If you haven't made a donation to the Tiger Fund yet, please do! Donate online [here](#).

Reminders:

MLK Jr Holiday (no school) : Monday, January 15

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, February 5 @ 6pm