

Coleman School PTO Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2025
6:00– 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions - Tracy (5 min)
2. Approve January PTO Meeting Minutes - Anne (2 min)

Due to technical difficulties, January PTO Meeting Minutes are not posted to the PTO website. January Minutes will be approved at March PTO Meeting

33 people on zoom meeting

3. Spotlight on Coleman Reading Intervention Program - Shawn McEowen (15 minutes)

[Link to the Intervention Presentation Slides](#)

Question: From a capacity perspective, are we able to meet the needs of all students at Coleman who would benefit from the Intervention Program?

Answer: We are laying the foundation to grow this program and continue to increase results. Highly focused on student growth in reading. It started with creating the master schedule to allow us to pull students from the same grade level for Tier 3 reading instruction in addition to their Tier 1 reading instruction in their classrooms, expanding on foundations phonics curriculum, structured SMART goals lead by Shawn and classroom teachers, our systems are getting better and we're giving our students more and more of what they need. There will always be a need to meet our students where they are with small group instruction, regardless of where they are tracking against grade level standards.

Comment: Appreciate this presentation, thank you for sharing the data around this program. It's very exciting to see the growth our students are making and the support we're able to provide students at Coleman.

Comment: Love to see this progress and without PTO funds, it wouldn't be possible to have Shawn and this program at Coleman.

Comment: As a parent who volunteers in the classroom, I am seeing all students being able to be more engaged, in part because of this intervention work which is allowing teachers to support the needs of all the students in their class.

Comment from Alex Peck: We're looking at ways to continue to add even more support in classrooms. One thing we're working towards is adding additional instructional aids in more classrooms beyond TK and Kindergarten to pull out additional students to work in small groups to meet student's more individualized needs.

Question: What about beyond reading intervention? What if kids need extra help with Math?

Answer: We are working towards providing intervention support for Math in addition to Reading. The first grade team is currently running a math intervention program in the afternoon. The

balancing act is making sure we don't lose progress we've made in reading by adjusting our intervention focus from reading to math. This is work the staff is collaborating on and exploring as they put a plan together for next school year.

4. Spring STEAM Programming - Tracy (5 min)

Current plan/goal for STEAM program, waiting to confirm based on classroom scheduling availability.

Mobile Makers: Grades 3-5 in March and May, 2 Sessions per class (solar mechanics, woodworking and electronics)

BADAM: Grades TK-2, Fairy Tale Engineering (different from BADAM Try it Truck from last year)

Lawrence Hall of Science: Assembly for All Grades

5. Community Network Update - Stacey (3 min)

We are supporting a GoFundMe campaign to support a Coleman 5th grader and his family. Angel is a 5th grade student at Coleman, he had a medical complication that resulted in his leg being amputated and he is in need of a prosthetic leg. The GoFundMe is to help his family buy a prosthetic leg. Please feel free to share the GoFundMe link with your social network.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-angel-and-his-family>

6. Crab Feed Post Event Recap - Amber/Melinda (5 min)

Such a great event, thanks for coming out to have fun together and support Coleman!

Still finalizing all financial details but it's looking like we're netting \$38K for this event!

7. Upcoming PTO Events - Amber/Melinda (5 min)

- Principal's Coffee Chat - Thursday, February 6 at 8:05am in the Coleman Library
- Community PotLuck & Black History Celebration - Friday, February 7 from 5:30-6:30pm at Coleman. Please RSVP and signup to volunteer on Parent Square
- Poker Tournament (adult only fundraising event, tickets required) - Saturday, February 8 from 12:00 - 4:00 pm at Pete's 881 Club in San Rafael
- Dine and Donate at Celia's - Tuesday, February 11 from 11:30am - 9:00pm
- Coleman Dad's Group Meeting - Thursday, February 13 at 7:00pm at Pond Farm

8. Principal's Report - Alex Peck (15 min)

Thank you for putting on Crab Feed, it was really great to have Coleman Staff and Tiger Club Staff included and present along with so many wonderful parents.

Come join us on Campus to celebrate Black History Month this week. We have activities going on each day during the school day plus an evening community event on Friday at school from 5:30-6:30pm.

Changes to federal laws are impacting our school community. Our goal is to ensure our students and families feel safe and supported and have a sense of belonging. Canal Alliance is offering a monthly event around Knowing Your Rights as it pertains to immigration. Information and resources will continue to be shared out.

Lice: Currently we know there are cases of lice in two classrooms at Coleman. If we're going to stop the spread of lice at school, we need families to take action at home. Please check your student's hair for lice (one designated spot is best so it doesn't spread throughout your house) each day when they come home from school. Please contact school to notify us if your student has lice and when you treated it so we can track the cases at school. Please note that head lice is spread regardless of body hygiene, please support your student by using factual language and information at home and reinforce them using factual language and information at school. Classrooms will receive a deep cleaning over the mid-winter break.

TK + K Showcase is happening next Tuesday evening at Coleman. This is for potential incoming families to learn more about SRCS in general and Coleman specifically.

Questions: What kind of immigration rights trainings are SRCS teachers and administrators being offered? I know MCOE has trainings, but don't know how readily available they are.

Answers: SRCS are offered the county wide trainings that are optional. Staff know that all questions from DHS need to be directed to Alex and he'll work with the Superintendent to address and respond to any inquiries but school officials are not legally allowed to talk about students and they haven't seen any DHS staff on school campuses.

9. Open Forum/Questions (5 min)

None

Reminders:

No School Monday, February 17 - Friday, February 21 for mid-winter break

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, March 3rd on Zoom