

September 2018 PTSA Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018

1. Call to order at 10:04am.
2. PTSA Executive Board members introduced themselves.
3. "June Minutes Approval" was added to the agenda.
4. Principal's Report:
 - a. Principal Terry was not present so Dean of Students Amy Allison stepped in for him.
 - b. School construction is almost complete.
 - c. Outdoor/parking lot signage is being worked on.
 - d. Get word out for carpool line congestion: there are two drop-off and pickup lanes.
 - e. There were some specific staffing changes this school year.
 - f. Teacher/staff websites should be up by end of this week.
 - i. Email addresses will be confirmed for long-term subs.
 - g. Curriculum Night this week.
 - h. Current enrollment is at 602. (This is an increase of 22.)
 - i. There are 6 new classrooms in the new wing.
 - ii. Two portables are still being used as classrooms.
 - i. Weekly informal Cultural Connections meetings will be introduced this year.
 - i. Schedule to come, probably on Tuesday mornings.
 - j. This Friday (note in case you are scheduled to volunteer):
 - i. 9:45-10:25am: all-school assembly to introduce staff to students
 - ii. 3:15pm: fire drill
 - k. New reader board in parking lot is being installed today.
 - i. Any reader board requests must be submitted to Margie.
5. PTSA Org Chart has open positions:
 - a. Grants
 - b. Awards
 - c. Art Fair (school) and Reflections (national art competition)
 - i. New this year: combining both into one "Art Walk" evening on November 29, 2018
 - d. Spooky Spaghetti décor
 - i. Will be simple this year
 - ii. Amy Finholm and Lesli Sager have offered to head it up but will need help on Friday afternoon
 - iii. Mark Mobilia will lead the dads again
6. Treasurer's Report (Paula Hobbs):
 - a. Paula handed out the Budget Report.
 - b. August actuals might look odd:
 - i. We had to put down a \$2500 deposit for next auction.
 - ii. We had \$1600 in credit card processing fees from last auction.
 - iii. BUT we also have an offset from last year's Spirit Wear.
 - c. We renewed webpage and Quick Books, totaling approximately \$5000.
 - d. Paula handed out the Proposed Budget:
 - i. Spring fundraiser \$45,000.
 - ii. Reviewed other large line items and changes.

- iii. Principal Terry adjusted to have equal allocation of teacher fund to each teacher (\$20,000).
 - 1. He decided not to allocate extra funds to teachers in portables as previously discussed.
 - iv. Paula reviewed Volunteer for Issaquah Schools and ISF donation changes.
 - e. Catharine Holtan moved to vote on proposed budget for 2018-2019; Karissa Mobilia seconded the motion.
 - f. Samar Herrmann moved to re-add \$100 for Student Council Humanitarian outreach (gingerbread supplies.); Marcie Lewis seconded.
 - i. PTSA voted on current budget; budget passes.
 - g. Paula reviewed the reimbursement process for committee members (complete the form, put in treasurer's box) and noted the PTSA's EIN/tax ID for tax exemption.
- 7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Outreach:
 - i. ISF: Holly Stipe will have a table in the coming days at various events.
 - ii. Back to School: Middle Schoolers can earn volunteer hours.
 - iii. Kindergarten Night: A fourth grade student read "The Night Before Kindergarten" to the students. In the future, we will have an adult, such as the librarian, read to the children.
 - iv. Spirit Wear: The first order window has closed; the next order window is open until Friday October 5.
 - b. Communications:
 - i. Bobcat Blast: Kim Beaudoin is the representative; weekly submissions are due on Thursday at 5pm of each respective week.
 - c. Programs:
 - i. Reflections: Danielle Kolesnikov will register Cougar Ridge.
 - ii. Chess Club: 40 students max.
 - iii. Student Council: Ms. Allott and Mrs. Chase are the staff leads; first meeting is on Thursday October 4 from 8:15-9:15am; monthly on Thursday mornings except December during week of parent/teacher conferences.
 - d. Fundraising/Membership:
 - i. PTSA Membership: Membership is down approximately 50% district-wide this year; going to the website wasn't a mandatory step during online enrollment this year.
 - ii. Fun Run: Held on March 21, 2019; led by Karissa Mobilia, Amy Finholm, and Marcie Lewis.
 - e. Service and Recognition: Fall Staff Luncheon went well (Monica).
- 8. Karissa Mobilia moved to approve Mission and Goals; Amy Raber seconded; PTSA voted and approved with no abstentions.
- 9. Amy Raber moved to approve Standing Rules; Marcie Lewis seconded; PTSA voted and approved with no abstentions.
- 10. Shannon Gerity moved to add Marcie Lewis and Karissa Mobilia as signers on PTSA bank account (Kamala Plaisted was removed); Amy Raber seconded; PTSA voted and approved with no abstentions. This is in addition to Nina Scoffone and Paula Hobbs as designated signers during the May 2018 PTSA meeting.
- 11. PTSA meeting adjourned at 11:34am.