

PTSA Board meeting minutes 9/18/13

Elizabeth called the meeting to order at 6:37. Meeting opened with new parent as a guest, Jessica Oskin , who has some concerns about some safety issues about school.

Board members present were: Justine Light, Elizabeth Levi, Kim Jarvis, Matthew Latterell, Ricardo Ismach, Ryan Manner, Dan Keppler, Bert Dupre', Jennifer Hutchinson, Sue Lyon-Myrick, MaOxford Lerotholi, and Principal Amy Kleiner.

The minutes for the August board meeting were approved. The members then looked over the standing rules and suggested changes were made. We discussed the idea of the student rep being resurrected. Amy discussed the possibility of revising the SITE council again. This issue was tabled for further discussion at a later time.

The motion was made to present the standing rules, with the amendments discussed including annual dues and the change in the board composition, to be discussed and approved at the general meeting next week.

Amy gave an outlook on the beginning of the year, explained how we might feel the impact of the common core standards, mostly affecting the change on reading lists. Now most of the kids will be reading non fiction more than fiction. Zalika has been getting in to her new role at school as School improvement specialist. Amy discussed ball tossing style of teaching and mentioned that Zalika will be giving a seminar of this once a month for the teachers.

Sue gave us an update on the foundation. The rough outline looks like: mid october, the foundation will do the first of 4 raffles (mountain cabin, etc). There was some discussion about possibility of having an event to benefit The Foundation at the Taste of Sunnyside, possibly a paddle raise. This will warrant further discussion. They are also looking at trying to develop after-school activities program starting mid jan-march, utilizing some of the existing programs as well as developing more in the coming years, and their final donation ask will be a few weeks before school gets out. It was discussed the idea of a slow/soft ask vs. hard sell in less increments. the minimum that should be raised this year for The Foundation is \$75K. Concerns over the fatigue and confusion in donations to each entity were discussed. Calendar was approved at this point with the idea that further discussion is merited. It was also suggested to reach beyond the current community and entice alumni and greater community as well.

Some issues were brought up regarding safety concerns, including the front door visibility /lock issues, the unfenced playground, and monitoring on playground. It was voiced that it may be a difficult battle with the neighborhood association, based on previous attempts to secure the area. It was suggested that there be some gentle prodding with the NA as well as surveying who might be willing to be on a safety monitoring committee, with shifts to help with visibility during recesses.

Agenda for the General meeting was discussed. Sustainability will be there to speak. Either Amy or Zalika will be there too. We will adopt standing rules, discussion of role of PTSA, skit about scrip as well as a table for membership sign ups and chinook book sales.

Harvest Faire still needs a coordinator for events. It will be listed in the messenger and Amy will mention at Back to school night as well.

Assistant treasurer Ryan gave a financial report via an email from Cindi. Our balance sheet shows \$58,258 in assets at the end of August. We had no outstanding liabilities at that time. Back to School Ask donations are beginning to come in. Expect a full report on these next month. Cindi will begin giving Budget-to-Actual reports in October when we have actually spent some of our funds. The Audit for Fiscal Year 2012-13 was completed Sunday by the PTA group from Woodlawn (Cindi did their audit). Cindi included a copy of the audit in packets handed out and will post it on the web site this week. Cindi will begin doing the taxes for last year. At the next meeting, Cindi will give a response to Ricardo's question on calculating scrip revenues so we all know how it is done. Scrip is complicated so she plans to give an overview of the entire program for the benefit of our new Board members. Plan to bring questions. Finally, let it show in the record the following people as our Scrip team. Reading them into the record of the minutes extends our bonding insurance to cover them.

Mary Allison, Mary Rondthaler, Ina Zucker, Beth Azar, Heidi McNamee, Cindi Carrell, Caren Robison, Karen Belsey, Justine Light

Fundraising. There will be a meeting this Friday at 9am to discuss fundraising issues. Donation night is next Tuesday at Pizzacato. Scrip has a new coordinator (Ina Zucker) and things seem to be shaping up nicely, with some new ideas percolating. Second donation night will be in October at Teote. Taste of Sunnyside is looking for a new space. Back to school ask is going along well.

Safety updates: Don Gettes is doing the SSAVE work and Dana and Holly will be meeting with the NA to talk to about emergency supplies .

Communications: Matthew is working to update the class space lists to make it possible to communicate with specific classrooms. Tory Cowan would like to step down as ms dance coordinator. Kim will look into the replacement from the volunteer lists. Matthew mentioned that the new Messenger email account was created and will be in effect from here on out.

Volunteer lists will be inventoried by Kim and reports will be sent on to appropriate people.

Ricardo said that the special sessions addressing school issues were coming up and there will be possible changes to our representation and now would be the time to contact the reps with input. Ricardo will be submitting a small blurb on the website to let people know that this is coming up and encourage them to voice their opinions.

The position of beyond diversity may be filled at a later time. Courageous conversations will be reconvening on Oct 15th. Amy will do another info night sometime in October to assess the level of interest in beginning a new cohort.

meeting adjourned 8:07pm

minutes taken by justine light