



PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2014

Call to Order – Kim Plowman

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report – Natalie Roberts

"I move to approve the January minutes as presented," by Stina Fluegge, seconded by Cindy Buono. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Buono

- The bank reconciliation/statement has been reviewed and approved by non-check signer.
- The Unreserved Balance will go down before the end of the year.
- The budget has been updated for each program. Chairs should review and ask any questions to Cindy offline.
- Newcastle will need to re-apply for a Gaming License in Fall 2014.

Principal's Report – Marla Newton

- Parent input forms for next year's class placement are now available. Although the school follows blind placement process, if there is information about your student that should be considered, please use the forms. There are no specific teacher requests allowed.
- Newcastle will receive a new portable for next year. It is a double, so there will be two classrooms within it. It will not be for K or 1st graders.
- MSP testing starts next week for third through fifth graders. Third graders will take one of their sections online. Next year, all grades and sections will be taken online.
- Newcastle Elementary won the Academic Achievement Award for Reading.

Teacher's Report – Laura Berry & Kristin Cakarnis

- Third graders released their salmon from the tank out to a creek in Issaquah.
- A group of fifth grade girls meet on Fridays for 7 weeks focusing on girl friendships and relationships.
- The first grade toy workshop was a success.

Site Council Report – Danielle Dixon

- Site Council discussed the new portable for the 14-15 school year.
- Site Council discussed lunchroom operations, and brainstormed ideas to help with flow and noise level.
- Site Council needs to add PTSA representatives, current reps are Danielle Dixon for grades K through 2, and Eileen Rubenstein for grades 3 through 5.

Presentation of Written Reports – POAs for review & approval

- POA's for Outreach and 5th Grade Camp Fundraising were approved.
- Food Drive for Tiger Mountain, Submitted by Danielle Dixon and Stina Fluegge.
- 5th Grade Fundraising, Submitted by Stefanie Williamson and Michele Maresh

Oral Reports from Active Committees:

- ISF/Nourish Every Mind Luncheon – Edana Peacock. The luncheon is May 8, please let Edana know if you would like to sit at the PTSA-sponsored table. Funds raised will support art and music for the Issaquah School District.
- Walkathon/Orange Ruler – Eileen Rubenstein & Anne Lehr. The Orange Ruler kick-off was very successful. Newcastle is already at \$15K in donations. The last day to contribute is Wednesday. Classrooms that reach their goal will win the Kona Ice Party. Parents are welcome to cheer on their kids on Friday the 16th and can also help. Volunteers are still needed.
- Spring Family Event – Georgia Forchuk & Sue Wilkos. Planning for the Spring Family Event is underway. Olympic Physical Therapy and Blitz the Seahawk mascot will be there. There will be teacher challenges and kid Zumba.

- UW Book Fair – Meri Hartman. The fair is May 12 through May 16. The University Book Store brings in the books and some cashiers. They are current, new books and not overruns or “seconds”. The fair is open during recesses and there are lots of volunteer opportunities.
- Auction (March 16, 2015, Westin Bellevue) – Luisa Vacca & Elysa Piha, co-chairs. Auction procurement starts now, and a kick-off meeting will be scheduled. Procurement forms will be made available soon.
- Spring Food Drive – Danielle Dixon & Stina Fluegge. The Spring Food Drive benefits Tiger Mountain Community High School, the only alternative school in the district, and also the Issaquah Food Bank. Donations will be distributed to both beneficiaries based on need. The Food Drive kicks off on May 2. Bins will be available on the Spring Family Fun Night. Renton Food Bank may also be a recipient this year.

Business

- Special Funding Requests – None presented.
- Budget Revisions
 - “I move to add \$200 from unallocated funds to Sunshine,” by Julianne Diesch, seconded by Meri Hartman. Motion passes.
- Elect 2014-2015 Executive Committee

WSPTA Uniform Bylaws Article 5, Section 6 was read by Secretary Natalie Roberts. Lana Miller, chair of Nominating Committee, read aloud the report of the committee and announced that all candidates meet the requirements of the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws:

President – Julianne Diesch
 Vice President/Volunteers – Open
 VP Programs – Michele Riley
 Co VP Outreach – Danielle Dixon and Stina Fluegge
 Co VP Ways/Means – Georgia Forchuk and Angela Oster
 Secretary – Open
 Treasurer - Open

WSPTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The signed report was handed to Co- Presidents Kim Plowman and Edana Peacock and the committee was thanked for their work. Kim Plowman read again the proposed slate of officers. Kim Plowman went through the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer in turn and asked for nominations from the floor for each. Eileen Rubenstein was nominated from the floor for the office of Secretary. Then, the President declared the nominations closed. A voice vote was held, and the slate was elected unanimously.

- Open Chair Positions for the 2014-2015 School Year. Meri Hartman passed around an org chart listing open jobs, including Membership Chair and Directory Ad Sales.

Announcements – Kim Plowman

Thursday, April 24th – 3rd Grade Concert, 6:30pm
 Friday, April 25th – Mochas with Marla, 9:15am
 Friday, April 25th – Walk to School Day!
 Monday, April 28th – Thursday, May 8th – MSP Testing, Grades 3-5
 Wednesday, April 30th – Last day to turn in money for Orange Ruler Fundraiser
 Friday, May 2nd – PTSA Walkathon “Fun Run”
 Friday, May 2nd through Friday, May 16th – Spring Food Drive
 Monday, May 5th through Friday, May 9th – Staff Appreciation Week
 Monday, May 12th through Friday, May 16th – UBS Book Fair, Library
 Tuesday, May 13th – 5th Grade Concert, 6:30pm
 Friday, May 16th – PTSA Health & Fitness Family Event, 6–8pm in the Commons
 Tuesday, June 3rd – Kindergarten Concert, 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Natalie Roberts, Secretary.