



## **PTSA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

APPROVED  
April 20, 2015

### **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – JuliAnne Diesch**

### **Principal's Report – Rich Mellish**

- ISD released a new cell phone app today to improve family connectedness. Families will have access to Family Access account information without the need to log-in every time. Functionality of the app is to increase over time.
- The auction was incredibly good and it was encouraging to see the enthusiasm from and support for the community.
- Site council report is set to come out with the learnings from the community survey that Rich conducted last February.
- One major outcome of the survey is that Rich is thinking of pulling together a new committee to support the culture and diversity found at our school. Rich is still discussing how this will work.
- Rich was asked about the third grade staffing plan for next year, which he replied depends greatly on the budget passed by the state in the upcoming legislative session. A more generous budget will allow him to hire a fifth third grade teacher to reduce class sizes.
  - 3rd grade team - De Jesus, Crawford, Mckensie, Brousseau

### **Treasurer's Report – Angela Ursino**

- Bank reconciliation/statement has been reviewed and approved by Angela Ursino on 3/31/15.
- Bank account showing \$237,00, a lot of auction proceeds
- We are on target to renew our non-profit status on time.

### **Teachers' Report – Laura Berry & Kristin Cakarnis**

- Ms. Mez are sorry not to be here. She'll start a 5th grade girls group. It will be completed during recess and lunch.

### **Secretary's Report – Eileen Rubenstein and Therese Kosar**

- "I move to approve the January General Meeting minutes as presented," by Angela Ursino, seconded by Michelle Riley. Motion approved.

### **Site Council Report - Danielle Dixon**

- Team is processing results from School Survey. General summary:
  - 85-90% of items are going well.
  - Team is addressing the ~10% where there are concerns.
  - Survey results and summary will be sent out by Rich Mellish

### **Presentation of Written Reports - POAs for review and approval**

Spring Book Fair - 5/11 - 5/15: POA

- “I move to approve the Spring Book Fair POA as presented” by Therese Kosar, seconded by Danielle Dixon. Motion approved.
- Discussion: Edana Peacock asked if hospitality budget is included for Book Fair. Recommends that perhaps water be provided via the budget. Laura will determine if there are funds in the budget to provide.

#### Spring Event - May 15th

- “I move to approve the Spring Event POA as presented” by Michelle Riley, seconded by Laura Berry. Motion approved.

### **Oral Reports from Active Committees**

#### ISF/Nourish Every Mind Luncheon - JuliAnne Diesch

- Thursday, May 14th - Please let JuliAnne know if you would like to attend.
- Look into Auction related to Luncheon. For example, there is an item to have lunch with the principle and 3 of the child's friend's. Please look into posting this information online!

#### Spring Family Event – Nancy Ko & Julie Pedraza

- Volunteers are needed to help at tables and also preparation in the upcoming weeks. Dads would be great helpers also!! Examples:
  - 2 tables will be making robots
  - Tables will be making caps and masks.
- Note: Book fair and Textile drive will be going on at same time.

#### UW Book Fair – Eva Downs

- "University Book Fair". Please notify parents that Coffee talk with Rich is on the last day of the book fair. This way, parents can attend both the coffee talk and buy books within one trip!

#### Auction – Luisa Vacca & Elysa Piha

- Results -- The Auction results exceeded the goal and reached 1\$43,000!!! Great Job!!!!
- Highlights:
  - Online Auctions raised about 23K
  - Art Auctions raised about 23k
  - Raise the paddle Auctions raised about 26k
  - Expenses are 88K
  - Final numbers are being crunched

#### 5th Grade Fundraiser: Clothes for the Cause Textile Drive – Kathy Keegan & Edana Peacock

- Funraisor is going on now. Both Kathy and Edana are taking donations.

#### Spring Hygeine Item Drive for Tiger Mountain Students – Danielle Dixon & Stina Fluegge

- Instead of a food drive this year, Tiger Mountain has indicated that they are in most need of are Hygeine items.
- Drive will run from May 26th to June 5. Final collections will be taken during Amazing Race.

### **Business**

#### Special Funding Requests

- Raz Kids special Funding Request: First Grade Team
- “I move to approve the Raz Kids special funding request as presented” by Therese Kosar, seconded by Chris Longfellow.
- Discussion to follow:
  - Kristin Cakarnis indicated that we need to think about how late it is in the school year - 41 days left.

- Rich Mellish indicated that the district may be considering providing Raz kids for the district. He suggested that we could "approve" this request contingent on decision by ISD.
- Team is recommended that we add Raz Kids (or a more general term for an application) to the budget. The fine details will be determined as the budget is created.
- "I motion to table this discussion, " by Danielle Dixon, seconded by Edana Peacock. Motion to table discussion passed.

Elect 2015-2016 Executive Committee - Denelle Wolff

- Denelle Wolff presented the Executive committee.
- VP Ways and Means is Open - Please Let them know if you have someone!!!
- "I move to accept the PTSA Executive slate for 2015-2016," by Edana Peacock and seconded by Georgia Forchuk.

Legislative Session Update by Rich Mellish

- We are expecting a 2-4% increase in our budget.
- 2 Legislative items that that directly impact us are as follows:
  - K-2 and K-3 class size reduction
  - Looking into funding full day kindergarten starting fall of 2016.

**Announcements - JuliAnne Diesch**

- Thursday, April 23th – 3rd Grade Concert, 6:30 PM
- Monday, April 27th through Friday, May 15th – 5th Grade Camp Clothes for the Cause Textile Drive
- Thursday, April 30th – Last day to turn in reimbursement requests from Auction
- Thursday, April 30th–Community Connections & Safety Information Night, 7:00 PM in the Commons
- Monday, May 4th through Friday, May 8th – Staff Appreciation Week
- Monday, May 11th through Friday, May 15th – UBS Book Fair, Library
- Thursday, May 14th – 5th Grade Concert, 6:30 PM
- Friday, May 15th – Coffee Talk with Rich Mellish, 9:30 AM in the Commons (note: changed date)
- Friday, May 15th– PTSA Superhero Training Camp Family Event, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM in the Commons
- Thursday, June 4th – Kindergarten Concert, 6:30 PM

**Adjournment at 8:12 PM by JuliAnne Diesch**