



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED

September 21, 2015

1. **7:04 PM Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Longfellow**
2. **Secretaries Report – Therese Kosar**
  - a. PTSA General Meeting minutes from Meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> were presented.
  - b. “I move to approve the minutes as presented” by Danielle Dixon and seconded by Stefanie Williamson. Motion passed.
3. **Treasurer’s Report – Angela Ursino**
  - a. Proposed budget was presented.
  - b. Changes: End of year event
  - c. Current Balances at End of July at approximately \$198,000 (Membership dues from this fall have not been added yet).
  - d. “I motion to approve the budget as presented” by Therese Kosar and seconded by Elysa Piha. Motion passed.
4. **Principal’s Report – Rich Mellish**
  - a. School year is going well. New teachers are settled in. Third Grade teachers have worked very hard to put their third grade classrooms together. Thank you!!
5. **Teacher Representatives**
  - a. Our 2015-2016 teacher representatives are Kristen Cakarnis and Amanda Hill. Thanks Teachers!
  - b. Kristin Cakarnis stated “Thank you for the lovely staff luncheon when we returned! Everyone was very excited!”
  - c. Question: “How do teachers know how many parents have not yet joined the PTSA?” JuliAnne Diesch has provided a personal e-mail to each teacher with the current status of their classroom. JuliAnne Diesch will resend to update the teachers accordingly.
6. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Community Information (Legislative ISV, VIS) – JuliAnne Diesch**
    - i. “Vote for Issaquah Schools” Handout presented.
    - ii. Denelle Wolff is our legislative representative.
    - iii. She will be going to the legislative assembly and will be voting on behalf of Newcastle Elementary. Please read the provided handout and provide any feedback to Denelle.
  - b. **Membership- Stina Fluegge - email**
    - i. We currently have 269 members. Great job!
    - ii. Stina Fluegge is reaching out to those parents who have not yet registered.
  - c. **Lion Art Docent Program – Stefanie Williamson/Yvette Blauvelt**
    - i. Art Docent meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, to start planning.
    - ii. Tracy Hasselman has been budgeted to come to each class once.
    - iii. Art Docent Lessons will start in October. (27 classes)
  - d. **Reflections – Marie Birve/Cindy Buono**
    - i. First Kickoff Issaquah Reflections meeting today
    - ii. Deadline will be end of October
    - iii. Theme “Let Your Imagination Fly”

**e. Fall Costume Carnival 10/23/2015 – Michelle Riley**

- i. Planning is ongoing with meetings this week.
- ii. Photo booth, treat walk, etc.
- iii. Please dress up for the fun! (Not mandatory)
- iv. We need Volunteers!
- v. Teachers – Mrs. Hooke and Ms. DeJesus have offered to create the Bulletin Board for the Costume Carnival.

**f. KinderConnect – Jen Matin/Michelle Arney**

- i. Lots of Moms and Dads came out for the Popsicles event!
- ii. Tears and Tissues was a great event!
- iii. Future Tears and Tissues may include some breakouts by class to facilitate parent interactions.
- iv. Additional potential activities for this year range from family activities in the fall to Moms Night Out.

**Coffee Talk with Rich Mellish – Amardeep Mahal**

- v. Great Hit! Great questions and discussion.

**g. SpiritWear and Yearbook Sales**

- i. SpiritWear Sales Underway – 47 orders so far!
  - 1. Plan to do another round of sales in February
  - 2. Question to Kristin Cakarnis – Are staff members interested in any SpiritWear items that are not currently being offered..
- ii. Yearbook Sales are underway!

**h. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraising – Edana Peacock/Kathy Keegan**

- i. Tapatio and ZoeYogurt Fundraiser is Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**7. New Business**

**a. KinderConnect Plan Of Action**

- i. The KinderConnect Plan of Action document was presented.
- ii. “I move to approve the KinderConnect POA as presented” by Mary Brown and seconded by Michelle Riley. Motion Passed.

**b. Sunshine Plan of Action**

- i. The Sunshine Plan of Action document was presented.
- ii. “I move to approve the Sunshine POA as presented” by Eileen Rubenstein and seconded by Angela Ursino. Motion Passed.

**c. Student Directory Plan of Action**

- i. The Student Directory Plan of Action document was presented.
- ii. “I move to approve the Directory POA as presented” by Mary Brown and seconded by Therese Kosar. Motion Passed.

**d. SpiritWear Plan of action**

- i. The SpiritWear Plan of Action document was presented.
- ii. “I move to approve the Spirit Wear POA as presented” by Eva Downs and seconded by Angela Ursino. Motion Passed.

**e. Yearbook Sales Plan of Action**

- i. The Yearbook Sales Plan of Action document was presented.
- ii. “I move to approve the Yearbook Sales POA as presented” by Michelle Riley and seconded by Eileen Rubenstein. Motion Passed.

**f. Costume Carnival Plan of Action**

- i. The Costume Carnival Plan of Action document was presented.
- ii. “I move to approve the Costume Carnival POA as presented” by Stefanie Williamson and seconded by Eileen Rubenstein. Motion Passed.

**g. Popcorn Sales Plan of Action**

- i. The Popcorn Sales Plan of Action document was presented.
- ii. ½ day Kindergarteners from AM class may pick up popcorn before they head out.
- iii. NEED A Popper to prepare popcorn
- iv. "I move to approve the Popcorn Sales POA as presented" by Eva Downs and seconded by JuliAnne Diesch. Motion Passed.

**h. Lion Art/Art Docent Plan of Action**

- i. The Lion Art/ Art Docent Plan of Action document was presented.
- ii. \$7,000 budgeted for Supplies, Kiln Management and Tracy Hasselman. Ms. Hasselman charges \$1600 per year to visit all 27 classrooms one time during the school year.
- iii. "I move to approve the Lion Art/Art Docent Sales POA as presented" by JulieAnne Diesch and seconded by Allison Sweeney. Motion Passed.

**i. Directory Add Sales Plan of Action**

- i. The Directory Add Sales Plan of Action document was presented.
- ii. "I move to approve the Directory Add Sales POA as presented" by Mary Brown and seconded by Elysa Piha. Motion Passed.

**j. Gift-A-Book Plan Of action**

- i. The Gift-A-Book Plan of Action document was presented.
- ii. "I move to approve the Gift a Book POA as presented" by Mary Brown and seconded by Janet Cloud. Motion Passed.

**k. Check Signers**

- i. The Check Signers document was presented. Planned Check signers: JuliAnne Diesch, Chris Longfellow, Michelle Riley, and Eva Downs
- ii. "I move to approve the PTSA Check Signers as presented" by Angela Ursino and seconded by Janet Cloud. Motion Passed.

**l. PTSA Standing Rules**

- i. The updated PTSA Standing Rules were presented.
- ii. "I move to approve the PTSA Standing Rules as presented" by Danielle Dixon and seconded by Angela Ursino. Motion Passed.

**m. 2015-2016 PTSA Theme and Goals**

- i. The PTSA Theme and Goals were presented.
- ii. Theme "Healthy Kids, Healthy Community"
- iii. Parent Outreach - Jessica Garcia will speak with our board to teach us "How to Get the Un-gettables".
- iv. We are required to have at least one Parent Education Program per year.
- v. Please change Line Item 4 from "Workshops" to "Opportunities".
- vi. "I move to approve the PTSA 2015-2016 PTSA Theme and Goals as amended" by Stefanie Williamson and seconded by Danielle Dixon. Motion Passed.

**n. Technology Funding Request**

- i. The Technology Funding Request was presented.
- ii. This request is to purchase 20 laptops to start refreshing Technology. Newcastle Elementary Netbooks are becoming slower as time goes on. The idea is to start phasing out the Netbooks as "daily use" computers and use those when teachers need extra computers via carts.
- iii. Each laptop costs just under \$800.
- iv. This funding would be provided by the Raise the Paddle Money raised during the 2015 Auction. "Raise the Paddle" funding is designated to technology improvements at Newcastle.
- v. "I move to approve the Technology funding request" by Elysa Piha and seconded by Mary Brown. Motion Passed.

**8. Announcements**

- a. Future General Membership Meetings – February 1, April 25 and June 6
  - b. Open Committee Positions – Community Liaison, ISF/VIS Liaison, Grants Research/Writing, Bulletin Board, Posters, Corporate Matching, 2017 Auction Chairs, 2016-2017 Fifth Grade Fundraising, Orange Ruler Spring Fundraising, New Family Welcome . (Remove Caring through Sharing as this is managed via front desk due to privacy issues.
  - c. Volunteer Opportunities – Fall Costume Carnival (80 volunteers needed) and more!
  - d. September 22 – Tapatio/ZoeYogurt 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraising
  - e. September 25<sup>th</sup> – Deadlines to register with PTSA for Classroom Book Incentive and for Ordering Spirit Wear; Free Popcorn
  - f. October 2 – Deadlines for inclusion in the PTSA Directory and PTSA Directory Cover Art Contest submissions (Going out in KidMail on White Paper)
  - g. October 8<sup>th</sup> Hearing/Vision Screening
  - h. October 16 – Coffee Talk with Rich Mellish, 9:30 AM
  - i. October 23 – Fall Costume Carnival
9. **8:35 PM Meeting Adjourned**