

Meridian Park PTSA meeting minutes

Board of Director Meeting

APPROVED minutes

September 15, 2015

Call to order

The general membership meeting of the Meridian Park PTSA was called to order in the Meridian Park Library at 7:00 PM by the PTSA president Jill Steinberg. Members had been informed of the meeting through the MP and PTSA websites, MP PTSA Facebook page and MP email blast.

Welcome and introductions

Everyone was welcomed and introduced themselves. Those present are listed on the attached attendance sheet.

Review and Approval of minutes from June 4, 2015 BOD meeting

The 06/04/15 minutes were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as written.

President's report

Review of current PTSA roster including open positions and roster contact information.

Treasurer's report

Reviewed year-end financial report for 2014-2015. To be submitted for approval at General Membership meeting in October.

Review of 2015-2016 budget before submitting for approval at the General Membership meeting in October.

Discussion regarding two different plans presented: Plan A gives us all we want with small surplus, Plan B reduces funding and has large surplus (was in place not knowing revenue for car show).

Jill and Matt recommend we go with Plan A as car show revenue was all time high and we are able to balance budget with all funding still in place. All in agreement to move forward with presenting Plan A in general membership meeting.

Fall Fundraiser overhead cost decreased significantly because we are changing to different type of fundraiser. Moving to direct ask fundraiser.

Principal's report

Meridian Park has approximately 564 students this year, about 100 new families on first day. School is at 95% capacity. There are also several staff changes including new staff this year. David currently finalizing part-time staffing.

Curriculum night is Thursday September 17, 2015.

Shoreline School District board is looking at doing capacity study this fall. This may mean changes. District wide the elementary schools are full. The school board is possibly looking at new middle schools.

Cascade K-8 is looking to move to their own site. If this happens it may affect our capacity.

No transfer requests are allowed at this time. David may be allowed to approve some resident transfer requests if there is space in classroom and sibling currently attends Meridian Park (as per board policy). ELL students were moved out of Meridian Park and back to their home school due to board change (ELL program is now available at all schools)

Conferences to be held Oct 14-16, early release on those days.

School has been working on positive behaviour and self management, this is going very well and the teachers are seeing positive results. Also working on incorporating Brain Breaks into the classrooms as research about stretching and exercising stimulates the brain.

2015-2016 Strategic Goals approval

Strategic goals were reviewed

A motion was made and seconded to approve the strategic goals as outlined. Goals approved.

Standing rules

Review of 2015-2016 Standing Rules. Members reviewed the rules. They will be submitted for approval at General Membership meeting in October.

At the PTA convention in April they decided to make change of UNIT to LOCAL PTSA and GENERAL MEMBERSHIP to MEMBERSHIP. This is the only change to the Standing Rules.

Bank signers

Rhonda McRae to be added as signer, Kim and Jennifer to be removed. Matt and Rhonda will go to bank to make the changes.

Audit committee

Date is not yet set for meeting.

Teacher Representative Report

Walk-a-thon will be held October 2, 2015

Vice President Updates and Committee Reports

CLUBS AND CLASSES

- Session dates for clubs: Oct 5 - Dec 11
- Three Clubs submitted so far:
 - Writer doodle (writing club) - Wednesdays after school, all 3 sessions, grades 4-6
 - Math Club - Wednesday mornings, all 3 sessions, grades 4-6 and HiCap grade 3
 - Chess club - Tuesdays after school, all 3 sessions, 4th grade (may be open to other grades if other parents can help as well)
- Members voted on 3 clubs submitted, all in favor to approve.
- Other clubs that will be coming (still to be submitted to committee):
 - Lego Robotics WeDo - Tuesdays after school 3:30-4:30 (grades 1-3)
 - Lego Robotics Mindstorm - Thursdays after school 3:30-5:00 (grades 4-6)
 - Shorecrest Hip Hop for 6 weeks after school - no age or time yet
 - Possibly offering beginner and intermediate Spanish
 - Running club - Wednesdays and Thursdays after school (grades 4-6)
 - Global reading club (Oct 21 - Feb)
 - Junior Lego League - Tuesdays after school, may change day due to conflict (grades K-2)
 - Junior art club - Tuesdays (Oct 13 - Nov 10) (grades K-2)
 - 6th grade club to choose next Newberry winner - Tuesdays after school (grade 6)
 - Beginning volleyball - Tuesday mornings (grades 5-6)
- Discussed lack of teacher clubs for grade 3, this needs to be addressed.
- Discussed Chinese class offered at Aurora Church in the mornings before school. We cannot distribute flyer at the school, however as PTSA we can distribute at our General Membership meeting. Can also be included in Community Information section of the newsletter.
- Room 237 is available to use for clubs to address lack of space.

EVENTS

- Marty DeGrazia did review of 2015 Car Show
 - need more people to help it run, great community event
 - great sponsors, about 200 cars this year
 - July 18, 2016 for next year (probably date)
- first book fair will be one day bash sale - preview on Nov 19, book fair on Nov 20 (coincide with movie night)
- Movie night (6th grade possibly sell popcorn?)
- Fall Festival - October 29, 2015
 - costumes, cultural events, carnival games
 - name change? Harvest and Culture Fest
 - 6th grade sells pizza and drinks (possible cake walk)
- Fall fundraiser

- Jill handed out Empower the Cheetah Campaign Pledge
- Rhonda to work on cover page
- Suggestion to make message stronger about any donation appreciated, choose own level to be moved to the top
- Talent show/Variety show - Holly DeGrazia, to be held Jan 9th (rehearsal on 7th)

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Membership
 - 117 members already!
 - New database being used for membership (possibility to use for finances instead of quickbooks) - Susan to send link to Matt for review/trial
- add committee binder organization to Strategic Goal #5
- Volunteers
 - Callie has quite a few forms returned, ready to be organized/input into database

New Business

Picture Day is September 22

- need volunteers
- Conflict with Kindergarten class, Dianne working on resolving issue

Curriculum night planning

- tri folds and posters throughout library to highlight PTSA events and clubs
- can set up right after school, can bring treats/snacks, there are blank trifolds available if we have new information we need to present
- spirit wear samples will be available to view

Jill distributed MP Fundraising 1,2,3's to let people know about where fundraising money goes

Marty needs help with Car Show thank yous - Jill and Dana to discuss with Marty

Adjournment

Meridian Park PTSA meeting September 15, 2015 - Attendance Sheet

Jill Steinberg

Rhonda McRae

Naomi Hillyard

Mary Webb

Matt Clark

Joy Rieke

David Tadlock

Dana Doerksen

Callie Steward

Susan Duthweiler

Martin DeGrazia

Holly DeGrazia

Jenny Hillger