

Meridian Park PTSA meeting minutes

General Membership Meeting

APPROVED minutes

October 6, 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.
- We have 3 General Meetings per year. Board of Director meetings once per month. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- There is a facebook page run by PTSA. Also a Meridian Park community facebook group, this is not run by PTSA

Principal's report

- Smooth start to the school year so far. This coming Friday is Walk-a-Thon, 1:50-2:45 (rain or shine)
- Conferences are coming up next week. Second set of conferences will be in March, this is a change from previous years. Report cards will be issued in February and June (instead of 3 times per year as in previous years) as K-12 are all now on semester system.
- The school board is heavily involved in district wide capacity study, there is more information available on district website. Specifically, facilities that are currently not being used for district use are being considered to terminate leases in order to use them for district purposes. There is a possible need to build newer/more middle schools (possible February 2017 voter action for bond for new middle school buildings). David also mentioned a study regarding 6th grade, there is a possibility of moving to 3 year middle schools similar to most other school districts.
- Here at MP we are at full capacity, 564 students currently. Cascade K-8 school is interested in having their own site, if this happens it may free up more space for Meridian Park to use down the road.
- The city/district/state is involved in a traffic study (meeting with engineer from state), regarding intersection at 175th and Meridian Ave and traffic flow around and through campus.

- We have some new teachers: Ms. Anders, Ms. Sabo (4th grade highly capable), new Kindergarten teacher, and new ELL support teachers.

Presentation of 2015-2016 Strategic Goals

Strategic goals were reviewed and approved as written, all in favor.

Presentation of Treasurer's report

Review of new line items to budget

Review and Approval of 2015-2016 Budget

2015-2016 Budget was presented and reviewed. Approved, all in favor

Review and Approval of 2015-2016 Standing rules

2015-2016 Standing Rules were presented and reviewed by members. Approved, all in favor.

Nominations

Nomination for co-treasurer, Joy Rieke. Approved, all in favor.

Nominations for open VP of events position, no nominations at this time.

Legislative

The legislative assembly in Olympia is coming up. The PTA assembly determines what they will support in the coming year. Our legislative representative is unable to attend. It is open to anyone else who would like to attend.

New Business

- Reflections program is underway, submissions are due October 23, 2015.
- Meridian Park spirit gear is here and will be available online for purchase.

Discussion of New Literacy Program - David Tadlock

- These new programs support state and national literacy standards
- Adopted by the board last May
- Same programs being used throughout all Shoreline schools
- We have not had a literacy curriculum program in many years. The previous literacy program was no longer being used (dated, didn't meet our needs, etc).
- Kindergarten program is called Superkids
- Grades 1-5 program called Wonders. This material supports teaching standards, balanced literacy program (skills, fluency, comprehension, challenging texts, balanced in content), and has goal to support love of reading. There is still a lot of individual

student choice reading. Main material is a large book containing stories, available to all students.

- This program is intentional about supporting reading comprehension, comprehensive balanced curriculum to support students. We are just getting started and training still ongoing.
- Over the years many teachers have built their own reading and writing literacy programs. Wonders has stronger writing component compared to other programs that were reviewed. The program comes with leveled readers to accommodate different levels. Students are able to start at just right level and progress. Classroom libraries are still being used to supplement literacy.
- 6th grade program has moved to first year of the middle school and high school Springboard program. Springboard has been in Shoreline middle schools and high schools for several years. It was decided last year to start using it for 6th graders to get them on track. College board/Springboard is college board based curriculum. Very rich, deep and rigorous.

Discussion on School Safety at Meridian Park - David Tadlock

- District wide emergency procedures are located in all rooms.
- There is a need to be as prepared as we can, making sure our buildings are safe.
- Lockdown - there will be lockdown drill Thursday afternoon 1:22pm. This was originally planned to happen after conferences but chose to move it up sooner. They do talk about it in advance, students are aware drill will be happening. They will talk about it for a few minutes on PA system throughout school before getting started.
- Lockdown consists of Locks, Lights, Out of sight. Children huddle in corner of room out of sight, staff talk to kids about the process. The drill will only last a few minutes.
- Lockdown is used for intruder on campus (inside or out).
- Lockout is used when there's a problem a few blocks away (up at Aurora, etc). Shoreline Police would say do Lockout.
- In Lockout doors are locked, no recess, children are not allowed outside for music rooms, etc. Inside the school would continue normal activities. Children would be restricted to classrooms at first. Once there is a police presence and confirm problem is far away from school, then continue normal school activities (lunch, etc).
- Lockout is what most likely to happen in school. Lights are still on, students able to continue normal activities.
- Already had lockout drill this year. Announcement will say "lockout secure the perimeter". Also, fire drill was done at the same time.
- Lockdown process if it needs to happen during recess - the little gym is used for all students who are outside to move them inside quickly.
- Questions raised as to how can we advocate to school board for more secure entry for example? Parents can send note, call or arrange meetings with the following people:
 - Marla Miller - Deputy Superintendent
 - Dan Stevens - Capital projects

○ Board Members - Mike Jacobs, David Wilson

Adjournment

Attendance

Dana Doerksen

Linda Tsai

Julie Reinhart

Suzy Cowgill

Margaret Stapleton

Kris McRea

Suni Tolton

Nancy Jenkins

Judy Gerardi

David Tadlock

Joy Rieke

Diana Mar

Anne Chalcraft

Callie Steward

Mary Webb

Matt Clark

Jill Steinberg

Rhonda McRae