

Meridian Park Elementary PTSA
Board of Directors Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
February 4, 2014

Call to Order

The Meridian Park PTSA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Kim Ositis, President. Members had been informed of the meeting through the MP and PTSA websites and the MP Blast. Those present are listed on the attached attendance sheet.

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone knew each other; no introductions were necessary.

Secretary's Report

Committee reviewed January 7, 2014, Board of Directors meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The minutes were approved as written.

President's Report

- Kim reported that PTSA representatives attended Kinderfest. Kim suggested that Kinderfest be put on the calendar earlier in the future so that the board can be better prepared.
- Kim reported on the PTSA council meeting. They gave updates on holiday baskets. She has statistics about how many families were helped. Contact her if you are interested.
- PTA and the law conference is Saturday, 2/8/14, 8:30-noon.
- PTSA survey closed at end of month. There were 19 respondents; no respondents to Spanish form. Kim has not analyzed results yet. She will prepare a report to share at the April General Membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Adrienne distributed the treasurer's report to the meeting participants
- Adrienne indicated that she is still working out the kinks in Quick Books
- She has a better idea of the income from the fall fundraiser
- She is still having issues with the car show carryover and art docent program carryover
- Quick Books indicates a negative balance for the art docent program. Krista confirmed that there is, in fact, a positive balance
- Krista reported that 1099's were sent out, the nonprofit corporate renewal was filed, and the renewal on the reseller permit was filed

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and was then seconded; the treasurer's report was approved as written.

Teacher's representative report

Jenny Hillger asked about the grants allocated in the fall. She wondered if there was a list of who received the grants and who did not. Adrienne will follow up with Lee Lambert about communication with teachers. Jenny asked for the list and offered to contact staff.

Jenny and David talked about ways to communicate back to the PTSA how the grant funds were used. Jenny shared Brain Pop with the board members. She started using it to teach internet safety, then realized that it has much more. There are videos for everything, lesson plans, activities, and good conversation starters.

Jenny also purchased three digital cameras for the staff, which replaced the aging cameras.

Hannah Peterson received a grant, which pays for Julie Luthy to come out and teach hands-on science lessons.

David mentioned he is looking forward to another round of grants this spring.

Jenny asked if she can submit requests to PTSA for reimbursement or if she has to go through the district. It was suggested that she check with the treasurers to find out about individual items. Adrienne suggested that Jenny give feedback about her experience using the streamlined district method versus ordering and getting reimbursement.

Vice President Updates and Committee Reports

Clubs and Classes

Drama club: Susan Duthweiler reported that drama club has started and is going well. She mentioned that on Wednesdays the after-school yoga class is in the gym, so the drama kids have to change rooms several times. Susan wonders if there is another room to use, maybe the music room? Susan will talk to Ms. Anderson about using the room.

Talent Show: Kim thought it went very well and that Shorecrest was a great venue. The tech person and students were very helpful.

Car show: Krista met with Marty, Dana, and Jill. Letters for sponsors are printed and ready to distribute to potential sponsors.

Yearbook club: Pre-order forms go out tomorrow.

Committees

Membership: Membership envelopes are ready for distribution at the school play

Cheetah Chatter: Contributions due Wednesday, 2/5/14

Legislative: Adrienne reminded everyone to vote and to encourage people to vote by 2/11/14

Nominations: The committee has met and is working on nominations

Principal's Report

- David reported that Jill Steinberg is testifying in Olympia about class size. Denise Peters went with her
- Parents have been registering 14-15 kindergarteners; there were 22 registrations after 2 days
- The school board made a decision to expand the highly capable self-contained class to 1st graders 14-15. Kindergarteners who are identified as highly capable will be served in the general ed classroom
- A building space analysis has been done to determine capacity. Enrollment is stable, 508 students.
- David thanked the PTSA for support for art docents and the Roots of Empathy program
- David reported that the Global Reading Challenge school competition took place. The Fire-Breathing Bookworms won and will represent Meridian Park at the district competition on February 27th
- David reported that a one-button lockdown system was installed today, which closes all fire doors without setting off the alarm. The school board is looking at upgrading security at all schools.
- The glass doors in front of office have been partially closed, which make it warmer and quieter in office.

Unfinished business

None

New business

After school art class: The people who do after school art class asked if they could have the rest of the money in the account for materials. Krista and Tracey indicated that they are entitled to it. They will look into it.

Golden Acorn/Outstanding Teacher awards: Susan Duthweiler and Mel Williamson are co-chairing golden acorn/outstanding teacher awards. A link has been added to PTSA website

to nominate individuals. The link will also be added to school website. When they determine winners they need to find a time/place to announce it. The recognition dinner is scheduled for 4/16. The PTA council needs the nominations by March 1st. The board discussed the best even to announce the winners. It was decided to make the announcement at the school assembly preview of the school play on 3/20/14.

Susan is working on making up a list of previous golden acorn/outstanding teacher awards. It was suggested that the PTA council might have the information.

Region 6 Director election: Nominee is Janice Kutzera and she is uncontested. A motion was made and seconded to vote her in.

4/1 general membership meeting speaker: Kim suggested that a speaker from Class Size Counts be invited. The board members agreed.

Adjournment

7:45

Jennifer Kleyn
MP PTSA Secretary