

**Meridian Park PTSA
Board of Directors Meeting
APPROVED Minutes
April 7, 2015**

Call or Order:

The Meridian Park PTSA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Kim Ositis, Co-President.

Welcome and Introductions:

Participants were welcomed. Everyone knew each other.

Secretary's Report:

The committee reviewed the March 2015 Board of Directors meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written; the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report will be shared at the general membership meeting.

President's Report:

Announcement: Kim announced she will be the vice president for the Shoreline PTA Council next year.

Accommodations for students with special needs: Amy Vujovich, Director of Special Education, talked to the council about language that needs to be added to enrichment program registration forms. Parents need to be asked of their child needs accommodations in order to participate. The district is not allowed to share this info with the PTA nor are they allowed to fund paraeducators in the enrichment programs.

Background checks: The district is changing how background check information is shared with the PTA. The district cannot disclose who fails the check. They would like to give a list of cleared volunteers to the PTA. Between now and the end of the school year, they would like people to do their background checks now for the fall, so they can come up with a list of cleared volunteers by the beginning of the next school year.

Vice President Updates and Committee Reports:

Clubs and Classes:

Nature club: Callie Steward will be offering a nature club this spring. The club will take place on Thursdays beginning April 30 and ending June 4th. \$10 fee will cover supplies. The club will be open to 3rd-5th grade, 10-12 kids. Motion was made and seconded to approve the nature club as outlined by Callie. Motion approved.

Events:

Car Show: Next planning meeting is scheduled for Monday 4/13/15 at 7 PM in the staff lounge.

Book Fair: The book fair set-up starts Thursday, 4/9. Preview will open Friday, 4/10. Jenny is hoping for more volunteers for Thursday night, 4/16, possibly high school students.

Family Fun night: Families have permission to use the church parking lot because Cascade K-8 also has science night. There may be a couple of open classrooms to display work.

Read-a-Thon: Jenny reports much more participation this year than previous year. 99 students participated. Money is still coming in. Gross is \$5086.09. Net profit will be provided at next PTSA meeting.

Committee Updates:

Grants: Three teachers applied for spring grants. The total amount requested was less than what was available. The grant information is attached to these minutes. Lee recommended that the grants be funded. A vote was put out to the group. A motion was made and seconded to approve grants. Approved. Jenny will inform teachers. Kim will let Lee know that the motion was approved.

Membership: There are currently 174 members, including three new members.

Communication: Cheetah Chatter went out last week.

Volunteers: Power of 1 person has contacted Callie Steward. Callie is trying to find ways to include them in volunteer experiences.

Legislative: Legislature is ending 4/26. The House budget that passed last week included revenue from a capital gains tax and an increase in B&O surcharge, but also increased the exemption for small businesses. The proposal puts forth a significant amount towards funding McCleary and begins to fund the safety net. The Senate budget that passed on April 6 does not include new revenue. They significantly inflate anticipated marijuana dollars, take from capital funds and local government funds. They do put money towards McCleary, support

teacher COLA's, however they do not fund state employee contracts. With two significant different approaches to the budget it may take time to get to a final deal.

Nominations: Committee will be presenting the committee report to General Membership meeting.

Awards: The awards committee have identified winners for Golden Acorn and Outstanding Teacher awards. The announcement will be made at Family Fun night at 6:50 in the gym and will be a surprise to recipients. David will help with getting the staff member and family to Family Fun night. David also wants to make sure the recipients know the date for the celebration dinner.

Teacher Representative Report:

This information was held for the General Membership meeting.

Principal's Report:

This information was held for the General Membership meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Before and After-School Emergency Procedures: Completion of this was delayed due to the new accommodations language needed on the form.

Training requirement: PTA executive committee members need to complete required yearly training by 4/16/15.

New Business:

Approval of voting delegates for State PTA Convention: A motion was made and seconded to approve Kim Ostitis and Jill Steinberg as voting delegates at PTA convention. They will vote their consciences. The motion was approved.

State testing snacks: Jill purchased snacks for all students taking the SBA.

Roster for next year: A new co-treasurer and VP of events are still needed for next year. Also needed are a reflections chair person, a back-to-school BBQ coordinator (Lee will help plan), and PTA awards chair person. The back to school BBQ date is tentatively scheduled for 9/3/15.

Calendar: Jenny reported that the staff has formed a calendar committee who would like to meet with PTSA board members to map out the 15-16 calendar, with a goal of achieving more

balance. The meeting will take place on 4/28 after school. The staff is hoping to have the calendar done by 5/22. The district calendar should be completed by 6/1/15.

Adjournment:

7:00 PM

Jennifer Kleyn
MP PTSA Secretary