

Meridian Park Elementary PTSA
General Membership Meeting
APPROVED Minutes
April 1, 2014

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, Kim Ostitis. Members had been informed of the meeting through the MP and PTSA websites, MP PTSA Facebook page and the MP email blast. Those present are listed on the attached attendance sheet.

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone was welcomed and introduced themselves.

Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented and approved.

Review and Approval of 1/7/14 General Membership Meeting Minutes

The minutes were distributed, reviewed, and approved as written.

Principal's Report

- David recapped the progress reports and our district's progress updating our report cards (progress reports). We will be piloting the new report card next year. On Monday morning we will be having a teacher in-service centered on the new report card.
- MP is also field testing new curriculum in Reading and Writing. Our school board will soon approve the new integrated reading and writing curriculum and it will be used starting in the fall. The new curriculum will have a speaking component.
- David thanked Adrienne and Lee for hosting the grants committee meeting. David is excited about the three grants that were approved for this spring.
- Our spring open house and Book Fair is on the evening of Thursday, April 17th. The Book Fair will take place the 14th - 18th. Jenny is looking for volunteers.

Teacher Representatives' Report

Jenny Hillger reported MSP prep is taking place in the classroom. 6th graders will be going to Camp Orkila next week. Jenny reported on the voting taking place with Sasquatch, Young Reader's Choice, and Washington Children's Choice. She reported on guest authors Eric Ode, Brett Gadbois, Andy Griffiths, and Clete Smith. Parents are welcome to attend the author assemblies. They're on the calendar.

Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business

New Business

Review of nominated Board Members:

Co-Presidents - Jill Steinberg and Kim Ositis

VP of Events - Dana Doerksen

VP of Programs - Open. We are seeking nominations

Secretary - Jennifer Kleyn

Co-Treasurers - Adrienne Thompson and Matt Clark

All nominations were approved.

PTSA Survey results: Kim shared the results. 19 people took the survey. Kim will be sharing the results electronically. Using survey data, on Monday, April 14th at 6pm we will have our first round of budget talks for next year.

Program

Charles Hasse from the National Education Association (NEA) and 4th grade teacher Matt Reiman spoke about class size. They shared the "Class Size Counts" website: <http://classsizecountsWA.com>

At this site, a parent can find out how many students are in their child's classroom. Charles and Matt shared a PowerPoint presentation that detailed the Class Size Counts Project Goals. The goal is to implement these class size changes by the 18-19 school year. Matt and Charles are seeking parent support. The initiative vote should come up in November, 2014.

Adjournment

8:00 PM

The minutes were taken by Frank Kleyn, who substituted for Jennifer Kleyn, MP PTSA Secretary.