

Meridian Park PTSA
General Membership Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
October 7, 2014

Call to Order:

The general membership meeting of the Meridian Park PTSA was called to order in the Meridian Park Cafeteria at 7:14 PM by the PTSA President, Kim Ositis. 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:

Participants introduced themselves and were welcomed. The sign-in sheet is attached to these minutes.

Review and Approval of 4/1/14 General Membership Meeting Minutes:

The 4/1/14 minutes were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.

Principal's Report:

David reported there are 549 students at Meridian Park as of 10/8/14. It is the 3rd largest elementary school in district. The building is at capacity; new enrollment is only for resident students.

David talked about Positive Behavior Support and habits of mind activities. Three to five minute brain breaks are happening 3-5 times a week, which is based on research about brain power and growth.

David reported that teachers are deep into academics. The new PE teacher is Mr. Alford.

The lunchroom is full after expansion of the Hi Cap program; there are more classes in the lunchroom at a time. The kitchen staff serve 5 lunches a day. Another staff member will be added to the kitchen. There have been struggles with 5th and 6th grade lunchtime, in terms of having all the choices available. The staff is working on solving this problem.

There is early release the rest of the week for conferences. Release time is at 11:45 rather than 11:50. There was some confusion about this. The staff will ensure kids are safe.

Teacher Representative's Report:

Jenny reported that the Book Fair is happening this week. Book Fair funds buy books and special library events.

Jenny offered to distribute PTSA membership forms to teachers tomorrow. David mentioned there are more in the office and foyer as well.

A staff member asked if the PTSA would like to help run Dads and Donuts, Moms and Muffins programs. PTSA said they would consider the idea.

Volunteers:

Jennifer Scott is coordinating recess volunteers to back up recess duty. She mentioned that we need another volunteer for the Book Fair. Parents have signed up for the fall festival are helping with after school classes. More help is needed with the fall fundraiser and with landscaping. Callie Steward is working on getting Cheetah Champs going.

Presentation of 2014-2015 Strategic Goals:

The strategic goals were distributed to participants for review and Kim explained them. The goals are attached to these minutes.

Presentation of Treasurer's Report:

Kim presented and explained the year end report from 13-14. The report is attached to these minutes.

Review and Approval of 2014-2015 Budget:

Kim presented the 14-15 budget proposal. A motion was made to approve the budget. The budget proposal with permission to the board to reallocate was approved as written. The budget proposal is attached to these minutes

Review and Approval of 2014-2015 Standing Rules:

Kim presented the standing rules and explained some of the changes that were made. A motion was made and seconded to approve the standing rules changes. The standing rules are attached to these minutes.

Nominations for Open VP of Programs Position:

Kim announced the position opening. The VP of Programs guides people who want to run after school classes through the approval process. Jennifer Scott volunteered; Jill nominated her. Jennifer was voted in unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

A parent brought up special needs PTA which was formed last year. The purpose is to support kids on IEPs and 504 plans and the staff who serve them. The special needs PTA would like to get the word out to welcome special needs families at MP. Jill mentioned that the special needs PTA meeting was promoted in the blast.

Adjournment:

7:50

Failing Schools Letter, Q & A forum:

The forum was led by David Tadlock, Ellen Kaje, Director of Categorical Programs and Special Support, and Matt Reiman.

Jennifer Kleyn
MP PTSA Secretary