

**Discovery Elementary School PTSA 2.6.9**  
**General Membership Minutes**  
**3/12/13**  
**Approved**

**In Attendance**

Attendance sheet is on file as an attachment to 3/12/13 General Membership minutes in the PTSA 2.6.9 General Meeting Agenda and Minutes 2012-2013 binder.

**Quorum was present.**

**Location: Discovery Elementary Library**

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting was called to order by Lynne Hickman at 6:37pm.

**Review of Minutes**

Reviewed and approved the minutes from 1/22/13 General Membership meeting. Motion made by Kari Anne Tuohy to approve the 1/22/13 minutes and the motion was seconded by Jenn Rankin. Vote taken, motion approved.

**Reports**

**President's Report - Lynne Hickman**

- Legislative updates - a list of education bills that passed the state Senate and are moving forward to the state House of Representatives were listed on the back of the agenda. A link for obtaining additional details was also provided.

**Vice President's Report - Dee Camp**

- No report.

**Secretary's Report - Ruth Chin**

- Dr. Seuss Book Drive - Ruth speaking out on behalf of Mrs. Hogan as the Library Chair. Mrs. Hogan was pleased with the books that she received from the book drive. As of this morning, 31 books had been received.

**Treasurer's Report - Caarin Hilliker**

- Mid-year financial audit was performed by Juliet Dixon and Susan Peters (see below).
- Still collecting walkathon matching monies.

**VP of Programs - Juliet Dixon & Susan Peters**

- Juliet Dixon and Susan Peters performed the Mid-year audit. All paperwork in order. No financial adjustments needed.

**Parent Ed - Mari Stevens**

- No parent education topic has been decided upon yet. Next meeting will be on March 21.

### **Principal's Report - Tera Coyle**

- May 2 Family Literacy Night at 5:30pm- There will be pizza and breakout sessions in which a parent will go with their child (children) to a classroom. There in the classroom a teacher will demonstrate a strategy on reading with both parent and child, so they can experience the tactic first hand. The parent and child will then transfer to another classroom for an additional lesson and a book mark will be given to end the night.
- Tera solicited help for a parent to come forward to be the Parent Levy Representative for Discovery Elementary School. Minimal commitment of three meetings. Position requires the volunteer to learn about the levies. Mari Stevens volunteered to be the Parent Levy Representative.

### **Teacher Representative - Kim Hand**

- No report.

## **Current Business**

### **Race to Nowhere**

- Showing and discussion went well. Facilitator narrowed questions down to the purpose, quantity and quality of homework. Parents input suggest that purpose and quality are most important to them.

### **Eager Reader**

- Eager reader is now complete. Ice Cream party will be on March 21.
- Positives feedback: easy to administer, easy to log minutes and parents can approve on-line
- Negatives: out of sight out of mind

### **Spelling Bee**

- Spelling bee 150 kids at preliminary
- Final went really well. There were winners from each grade level K-5. Winners are posted on the PTSA website.
- Committee followed 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee program and used the Scripps phonetics to pronounce each word.

### **Science Fair**

- 83 people registered so far for the March 20<sup>th</sup> event.
- FISH (Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery), Skyline Biology Club and Mad Scientist will be in attendance. The Mad Scientists will have a booth/demonstration on dry ice and static electricity.
- Light concessions (Baking committee will not be asked to donate baked goods)

### **School Dance**

- Scheduled to take place on 4/19. Still looking for a chair for this event.

## **New Business**

### **Golden Acorn Award Presentation**

- Outstanding Advocate Award- Allison Lehr (4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher)
- Outstanding Educator Award- Carol Jacobs (3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher)
- Outstanding Educator Award- Jessica Burnham (3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher)
- Outstanding Volunteer-Caarin Hilliker
- Outstanding Volunteer-Jenn Rankin
- Outstanding Volunteer-Kari Anne Tuohy
- Outstanding Volunteer-Susan Peters

### **2013-2014 Discovery PTSA Executive Board member election**

As stated by President Lynne Hickman:

“The next business is the election of officers. The nominating committee places in nomination the following candidates for the offices of PTSA 2.6.9 for the 2013-2014 school year:

- For Office of President - Lynne Hickman
- For Office of Vice President - Dee Camp
- For Office of Treasurer (Payables) - *no nominee at this time*
- For Office of Treasurer (Receivables) - *no nominee at this time*
- For Office of Secretary - Ruth Chin
- For Office of VP of Programs - Mari Stevens
- For Office of VP of Volunteers - *no nominee at this time*
- For Office of VP of Communications - Stephanie Raines
- For Office of VP of Fundraising - Erin Sebo

“Are there any further nominations from the floor for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, VP of Programs/Volunteers/Communications or Fundraising?”

As stated by Mari Stevens:

“I would like to nominate Jenn Rankin for the Office of VP of Volunteers.”

As stated by President Lynne Hickman:

“Jenn, do you accept this nomination?”

As stated by Jenn Rankin:

“Yes, I accept the nomination for the Office of VP of Volunteers.”

“Hearing no further nominations, if there are no objections; the chair declares the nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, VP of Programs/Volunteers/Communications or Fundraising closed”.

“We are voting on the slate as presented. All in favor say ‘Aye,’ all opposed say ‘Nay.’

\*No opposition to motion.

“The officers you have elected for Discovery Elementary PTSA 2.6.9 for the 2013-14 school year are:

- For Office of President - Lynne Hickman
- For Office of Vice President - Dee Camp
- For Office of Treasurer (Payables) - *no nominee at this time*
- For Office of Treasurer (Receivables) - *no nominee at this time*
- For Office of Secretary - Ruth Chin
- For Office of VP of Programs - Mari Stevens
- For Office of VP of Volunteers - Jenn Rankin
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“Congratulations and good luck.”

### **Fundraising-Brown Bear Car Wash**

- Bear mailbox will be in the school office for kids to drop off order envelopes.
- Orders will be collected on Friday, 3/22 & 3/29 and fulfilled on Monday, 3/25 & 4/1.
- Car wash is the Bear Essentials wash.
- Flyer to go home this Friday.

### **Reaching high- Excellence in Education**

#### **National Board Certification**

- Katherine Plakinger spoke about the requirements of becoming a National Board Certified teacher. It is a very rigorous program for those seeking an advanced teaching credential. It is valid for only 10 years and the renewal process must take place in the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> year of certification. Candidates must complete 10 assessments and the assessments must include four portfolios that feature teaching practice and six constructed response exercises that assess content knowledge. Discovery PTSA awarded Katherine Plakinger \$100 for completing her National Board Certification.

#### **ProCert Program**

- Nicole McCulloch spoke about ProCert (formally ProTeach) and what it entails. It is a professional Washington State teacher certification program that has strict parameters. It evaluates teachers on their ability to impact student learning. It focuses on three standards: effective teaching, professional development and professional contributions. It also focuses on 12 criteria for the professional certificate approved by the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB).
- Discovery PTSA awarded Nicole McCulloch \$100 for completing her Professional Certification for Teachers. Shea DeAngelis and Justine Kim will also be awarded \$100 for their completion of ProCert at the upcoming Staff meeting on 3/26.

Meeting adjourned 7:32pm.