

Discovery Elementary School PTSA 2.6.9
General Membership Minutes
September 30, 2014
Unapproved

In Attendance

Attendance sheet is on file as an attachment to May 13, 2014 General Membership minutes in the PTSA General Meeting Agenda and Minutes 2013-2014 binder.

Quorum was present.

Location: Discovery Elementary Library

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Mari Stevens at 7:04pm.

Review of Minutes

Reviewed and accepted as presented the minutes from May 13, 2014 General Membership meetings and recorded as presented.

Reports

President's Report – Mari Stevens

- We are trying something new with our annual fundraiser this year in a Fun Run during the school day. We have hired a company that comes in and talks to all of the kids during a 10 day period (beginning October 1st) highlighting special aspects of character building.
 - These funds go to running ALL of the PTSA programs throughout the year as well as supporting teachers individually and as a whole.

Vice President – Lynne Hickman

- The year started off very strong with membership. We have 540 full-time enrolled students (we have close to 600 actual students coming in and out of school). As of today, we have 502 PTSA members, so we are very close to 100% membership levels which gives every student a voice in the legislative assembly.
 - A link will be placed on the website detailing where the membership dollars actually go.

Secretary's Report - Sarah Manningsmith

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – Shana Jukes & Cary Wade

- Meg Sloan made a motion to approve the budget as presented and seconded by Erin Sebo. Motion was passed by those in attendance.

VP of Programs – Melissa Jewell & Hollie Smith

- The Welcome Back BBQ was a huge success and a lot of fun. We will continue that next year!
- The Fun Run will actually take place on Oct 10th and the week preceding that will have Spirit Week with dress up days each day.
- The Taste of Discovery is coming up in November. Each family can bring a sample food with 50-100 small tastes. The kids will receive “tasting cards” and other fun stations will be set up for the kids that run through the tastes. Volunteers are still needed, so please sign up on the Discovery PTSA website.
- Reflections is due October 21st. The theme is “The World would be a Better Place if...” Any piece of art work will be accepted for submission which will be on display at the school and judged to move onto further levels.
- The PTSA also is sharing information about community programs at the school. They are listed on the Community Board at school as well as listed in the PTSA newsletter. These are not sponsored or hosted by the PTSA, but the information will be shared by the PTSA.

VP of Volunteers - Jenn Rankin

- A lot of volunteers have not had background checks completed for this year, so please make sure that you have completed the form. The forms are available in the office.
- Hearing and Vision Screening is coming up this Monday, October 6th. More volunteers are needed for afternoon schedule.
- The Baking Committee still needs a chair and volunteers. This is a group that is pooled to bake cookies when needed. The biggest event is the Staff Cookie Exchange before winter break where 160 dozen cookies are needed.

VP of Communications – Jen Ross

- Please check the website, newsletters, and Facebook for information.

VP of Fundraising - Erin Sebo

- Nothing to report.

Principal’s Report - Michelle Nishioka

- Michelle is brainstorming some ideas for getting information out to the Discovery families. One idea is an after school coffee club with scheduled chats that help us all get to know each other.
- There have been a few scary misses in the parking lot, so please report reckless drivers by getting the license plate number to the office.
- The Literacy Night is being moved to January. The new writing curriculum is taking a center stage this year, so this will be a chance for parents to get a focus on what’s going on.

Teacher Representative – Kim Hand

- The Fun Run was introduced to the teachers at their staff meeting this morning. The staff is very excited and supportive.
- Kim asked that we try to make sure that every class has an Art Docent that at least makes the project for the Art Show because it is needed for each class.
 - Interested members should contact the PTSA – you do not need to have a child in the class to volunteer!

Current Business

- Mari O'Neil is starting a Math Team at Discovery. This is an opportunity for sixteen 4th and sixteen 5th grade students to form teams. There are several in-person and at-home opportunities for kids to participate.
 - \$1050 is needed for participation. This was added to the budget approved during this meeting.
- Eager Reader is being changed up with new ideas and prizes. It will start after winter break.
- 2014-2015 Discovery PTSA Goals:
 - We want everyone who wants to participate to feel welcome and appreciated at the school.
 - PTSA should be a place for parent education so we will be bringing in more speakers during the year to add to the parents' arsenal of tools for their families.
- 2014-2015 Discovery Calendar: The PTSA website is updated regularly, so check there for up to date information.

New Business

- Spirit Gear orders were put through and will be delivered Monday or Tuesday.
- Passive Fundraising:
 - Amazon
 - 'B' Card
 - Box Tops
 - eScript (Safeway)
 - MSN Offers for schools
 - Office Depot
 - Red Card (Target)
- Open Board Positions:
 - ISF: This person attends meetings once every quarter and disseminates information throughout the year as needed.
 - Advocacy and Legislative Representative: This person attends the legislative convention in Olympia once a year. Mainly, he/she shares information with the PTSA membership throughout the year.

Dates to Remember

- Fun Run: October 1st -10th
- Hearing & Vision Screening: October 6th
- Taste of Discovery: November 5th
- Family Movie Night: November 12th 6-8pm
- Next PTSA General Meeting: January 13th
- Family Movie Night: February 27th with *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*

Meeting adjourned 8:09pm

Minutes submitted by Sarah Manningsmith, Discovery PTSA Secretary.