

Discovery Elementary School PTSA 2.6.9
General Membership Minutes
January 13, 2015
Unapproved

In Attendance

Attendance sheet is on file as an attachment to January 13, 2015 General Membership minutes in the PTSA General Meeting Agenda and Minutes 2014-2015 Binder.

Quorum was present.

Location: Discovery Elementary Library

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Review of Minutes

Reviewed and approved the minutes from September 30, 2014 General Membership meetings and recorded as presented.

Reports

President's Report - Mari Stevens

- The next order of business is the election of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of candidates for our upcoming election in March.
The chair appoints Sarah Manningsmith to record the nominees.
In order to either nominate a committee member or serve on the committee, you must be a member of this PTSA.

If the nominee is present you will be asked to give your consent to being nominated.

If you wish to nominate a member who is not present you must have their consent from them.

Nominations do not need to be seconded.

The floor is now open for nominations:

- Diviya Mallar, Sally Mouncastle, and Erin Sebo all volunteered for the job.

President: Hearing no further nominations, the nominations are closed. We have 3 names in nomination: Diviya Mallar, Sally Mouncastle, and Erin Sebo.

If there are an equal number of nominations as are required you can do a voice vote otherwise you will need to do a ballot vote.

All in favor of Diviya Mallar, Sally Mouncastle, and Erin Sebo serving on the 2015 Nominating Committee, please say 'aye'. All opposed say 'nay'. The vote to approve the Nominating Committee was unanimously approved

President: "The Chair declares Diviya Mallar, Sally Mouncastle, and Erin Sebo received a majority vote and have been elected to the Nominating Committee. Please see me after the meeting for additional information."

- We are going to win a reward for 100% staff participation in the PTSA.
- The FunRun was a huge success. The PTSA Board is looking at what our fundraiser will be for the next year – it may be another sponsored run or several smaller fundraisers spread out throughout the year.

Secretary's Report - Sarah Manningsmith

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report - Shana Jukes & Cary Wade

- Nothing to report.

VP of Programs - Melissa Jewell & Hollie Smith

- The Staff Holiday Cookie Party was a huge success – thank you to all bakers!
- The Holiday Gift Drive was also amazing! Our school sent several great gifts that goes to fill the Pickering Barn in Issaquah for local families to shop for free for holiday gifts for their families.

VP of Volunteers - Jenn Rankin

- Nothing to Report.

VP of Communications - Jen Ross

- Nothing to Report.

VP of Fundraising - Erin Sebo

- Nothing to Report.

Principal's Report - Michelle Nishioka

- Michelle is actively working on opening the lines of communication throughout the school with several ideas:
 - Monthly coffee with the Principal – First one is January 30th
 - Monthly newsletters
 - Hallway bulletin boards to actively communicate about specific ideas like Smart Balance Assessments, Common Core Standards, Be Kind, and various Student Awards
 - Twitter, Text Now, etc.
 - Updating the school website
- 2011-2014 SIP Goals: Our test scores are higher than the Issaquah School District averages and the gap between girls and boys is closing. Right now the kids at Discovery are about 90-95% at meeting the standards.
 - 2014-2015 Content Area Goal: SIP goal All Students – Math: by May 2015, 85% of K-5 will demonstrate proficiency on school-wide common Math Exemplar and 85% of those students who do not meet the standards will increase by one level.

Teacher Representative – Kim Hand

- The staff is working on writing grants to enhance the student's learning and environment. These all come from PTSA funds.

Current Business

- Eager Reader is kicking off on Jan 16th with a celebratory movie night on Feb 27th. All information is on the PTSA website. Volunteers are still needed for prize handouts during lunchtime on 4 different Mondays throughout the program and Family Movie Night!

New Business

- Two parent-ed nights will be scheduled in the spring with more information to come.

Dates to Remember

- Spelling Bee Prelims are Jan 22nd and 23rd at 8:15am and Finals are Feb 5th, and 6th at 6:30pm
- Eager Reader is kicking off on Jan 16th with a celebratory movie night on Feb 27th.
- Literacy Night is on March 4th. This is a Staff-organized program; the PTSA provides free pizza and cookies.
- The documentary *Race to Nowhere* will be held in the Discovery Library on March 19th.
- The Science Fair is on March 25th.
- Next PTSA General Meeting is Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00pm in the Discovery Library.

Meeting adjourned 8:01pm

Minutes submitted by Sarah Manningsmith, Discovery PTSA Secretary.