

Discovery Elementary School PTSA 2.6.9
General Membership Minutes
March 17, 2015
Unapproved

In Attendance

Attendance sheet is on file as an attachment to March 17th 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 7:05pm.

Review of Minutes

Reviewed and approved the minutes from January 13, 2015 General Membership meetings and recorded as presented.

Reports

President's Report – Mari Stevens

- Golden Acorn Awards were presented:
 - Kat Plakinger, Brian Schenkman, and Dorry Nakamura were all recognized for being outstanding educators. Each of these teachers had at least one student nominate them!
 - Jen Rose and Juliette Dixon were recognized as outstanding volunteers.
 - Katie McDorman was recognized as an outstanding advocate for all children and youth.
- The next business is the election of officers: The PTSA nominates the following people for the 2015-2016 school year. Voted on and approved by the General Membership present
 - President Mari Stevens
 - VP Rohit Puri
 - Secretary Veronica Winkler
 - Payables Treasurer Shana Jukes
 - Receivables Treasurer Cary Wade
 - VP of Programs Melissa Jewell & Hollie Smith
 - VP of Communications Jen Rose
 - VP of Fundraising Alisha Brummett
 - VP of Volunteers still open, but Jenn Rankin may stay on with this position.
- “Are there any further nominations from the floor for the offices of President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, VP of Programs/ Volunteers/ Communications or Fundraising? Hearing no further nominations, if there are no objections, the chair declares the nominations closed.” The membership in attendance voted one and approved the Board as presented.

Secretary's Report - Sarah Manningsmith

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – Shana Jukes & Cary Wade

- Teacher grants requested over \$5000 need to be approved by the General membership
 - The staff is asking for 80 laptops and 4 charging carts. Right now regular classes will not have access to the computer lab from March through June because it is reserved for testing. This will give access classrooms a laptop for every child. As our testing becomes more and more online, our students need more keyboarding and general computing skills. The total cost is between \$49,000 and \$51,000. Kari Ann Tuohy moved to vote and Juliette Dixon seconded. The vote was passed unanimously.
- The mid-year audit was completed with nothing to note.

VP of Programs – Melissa Jewell & Hollie Smith

- The Eager Reader program was incredibly successful with a total minutes approved over 500,000!
- The Science Fair and Family Fun Night are coming up

VP of Volunteers - Jenn Rankin

- Nothing to report.

VP of Communications – Jen Ross

- Nothing to report.

VP of Fundraising - Erin Sebo

- Brown Bear Car Wash tickets will begin in April. Last year we earned about \$2500 with this totally passive fundraiser.
- School Supplies orders are coming up, but we do not have a chair for this project. We are looking at adding in an option for adding an Emergency Supplies packet.

Principal's Report - Michelle Nishioka

- Tuesday March 3rd the school improvement plan was presented to the school board. The school needs one community member to represent the school in the bond feasibility board.
- There will be an opening in the school board – Michelle has information for anyone interested.
- Plans for next year are already underway. Michelle would like to have some representatives from the parents to help with this discussion with the school side counsel.
- This is the first year that we have a cultural competency board. Michelle would love parent participation on this as well.

Teacher Representative - Kim Hand

- Teachers are very stressed with all of the testing that is required. They are constantly trying to find a balance between preparing for the tests and teaching the actual material. The PTSA would like to do something in mid-April to say thank you to the teachers.

Dates to Remember

- The Science Fair is March 25th
- Family Fun Night is April 24th
- Next PTSA meeting is May 12th
- ISF Luncheon is May 14th
- Art Docent Show & Auction is May 20th
- Volunteer Luncheon is June 5th

Meeting adjourned 8:17pm

Minutes submitted by Sarah Manningsmith, Discovery PTSA Secretary.