

**Discovery Elementary School PTSA 2.6.9**  
**General Membership Minutes**  
**January 26, 2016**  
**Unapproved**

**In Attendance**

Attendance sheet is on file as an attachment to January 26, 2016 General Membership minutes in the PTSA General Meeting Agenda and Minutes 2015-2016 binder.

**Quorum was present. Location: Discovery Elementary Library**

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance** - Meeting was called to order by Hollie Smith at 7:02pm.

**Review of Minutes**

Reviewed and approved the minutes from September 29, 2015 General Membership meetings and recorded as presented. Sarah Manningsmith motioned to approve. Minutes approved as presented.

**Current Business**

**Bond Information – ISD Superintendent Ron Thiele**

- April 26<sup>th</sup> is ballot counting day, ballots arrive April 4/5<sup>th</sup>
- Bonds occur every 4-6 years so we are here to explain the public what a bond is and what the money is used for. Bonds can only be used for actual building construction.
- Highlight for the Discovery community is this bond would include an expansion and modernization of Discovery (additional classrooms, bathroom, HVAC upgrades, etc.)
- If the bond passes, tax rates will not increase. Issaquah School District (ISD) has added about 6000 students in the last 15 years. ISD repays the bonds in about 9 years. Projection is ISD will add 300-500 students per year.

**ISD Board of Directors Anne Moore**

- Please vote to pass the bond and spread the word!
- Endorse the bond and we encourage the PTA to endorse.
- A supermajority 60%+1 is needed to pass.
- 70% of residents do not have children in K-12 and only 38% of residents voted.
- If you have a group that we can speak to and present the bond message, let us know.
- VISvote.org – you can share on Facebook – Social Media campaigning is good.
- Pine Lake rebuild would likely be on the front end of the construction timeline since it would be built on existing land.

Sarah Manningsmith motioned to “Move that the Discovery PTSA endorse the \$533.5 million school bond being put before the voters on April 26, 2016.” Meg Sloane seconded the motion. All approved.

## **Reports**

### **President's Report – Hollie Smith**

- Election of the nominating committee
  - Alisha Brummett, Cary Wade, Jen Rose and Veronica Winkler were all nominated and all gave their consent to serve on the Nominating Committee.

### **Secretary's Report – Veronica Winkler**

- PTSA membership is currently 94% of families & 57% of staff are registered

### **Treasurer's Report – Shana Jukes**

- Year to date Financial Report reviewed.
- Denise Darnel, School Counselor presented her request for a grant for Kore Stools – Requesting 20 larger size and 10 smaller size – the hope that each classroom would have a stool in their classroom. A total: \$1998 for the stools. Alternative way of sitting, new way to help kids learn (concentration, ergonomics). The other part of the grant is for an Isokinetic Exercise Disc/Balance Cushion. Requesting 10 @ \$12 each. Meg Sloane asked why only 10 cushions, would we want to have one for each classroom.
  - Denise Darnel has amended her request for \$3000 total (including sales tax) for Kore Stools and Isokinetic cushions. Mari Stevens motions to approve \$3000. All in favor. The motion has been approved.
- Yan who handles Discovery's corporate matching requests presented the amounts we have received to date. So far, \$10,152 in matching funds from Microsoft, Boeing, Real Networks and Wells Fargo.
  - PTSA membership is also eligible for matching. Many members do not realize this. Planning to distribute flier this spring to promote this.

### **VP of Programs – Melissa Jewell absent – Hollie Smith in absentia**

- Eager Reader is currently underway
- Spelling Bee, Science Fair and Talent Show are all upcoming and we are looking for volunteers.

### **VP of Volunteers – Sarah Manningsmith**

- Year book photography – Sarah has purchased Memory Sticks so that any parents
- Advocacy – Sarah is attending Focus Day in Olympia
- Meg Sloane is looking for more volunteers for the library, various days & times.

### **VP of Communications – Jen Rose**

- Nothing to report

### **VP of Fundraising – Alisha Brummett**

- We have sold Brown Bear car wash tickets, we have a few remaining Sea Hawks cups and starting to plan our fall fundraiser for next year. Something smaller and more low

key than this year and alternate every other year for a Fun Run type event.

### **Principal's Report - Marti Shefveland**

- School Improvement Plan is underway. I want to highlight the work the staff is doing. Mrs. Kaiser is working on Writing Skills workshops for teachers. Writing is beyond spelling and punctuation, and they are focusing on the writing content.
- The staff take release days each month so that each teacher can spend 1:1 time with each student for writing and reading. They are really seeing the benefits of this.

### **Teacher Representative – Kim Hand**

- Thank you from the staff for the laptop carts (3). They will be used continuously, not just for testing but also for writing workshops and can also see them being used for math.
- Eager Reader is being run really seamlessly this year. Competition between classes is well received. We are seeing higher participation with 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders, which has been low in the past. Keep up the good work!

### **Current Business**

- PBSES (Positive Behavior and Social Emotional Support) update – Shelly Ward
  1. Positive Behaviour Interventions & Supports
    - a. Be Kind
    - b. Be Safe
    - c. Be Responsible
  2. Social Emotional Learning
  3. Positive Relationships
  4. Proactive Classroom Management
- Collectively working towards positive behavior.
- Meg Sloane suggested we add this training to Art Docent training and training for In Class Volunteers. The plan is to include the parents in training for next year.

### **Dates to Remember**

- Spelling Bee – Wednesday- Thursday, February 24-25, 6:30-8:30pm
- General Meeting – Tuesday, March 22, 7pm
- Talent Show – Friday, March 25, 6-9pm (at PCMS)
- Science Fair – Wednesday, March 30, 6-7:30pm

Meeting adjourned 8:34pm

Minutes submitted by Veronica Winkler, Discovery PTSA Secretary.