

**Discovery Elementary School PTSA 2.6.9**  
**General Membership Minutes**  
**May 24, 2016**  
**Approved**

**In Attendance**

Attendance sheet is on file as an attachment to May 24, 2016 General Membership minutes in the PTSA General Meeting Agenda and Minutes binder.

**Quorum was present.**

**Location: Discovery Elementary Library**

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance/Review of Minutes**

- Meeting was called to order by Hollie Smith at 7:08pm.
- Reviewed and approved the minutes from 3/22/16 General Membership meetings and recorded as presented.

**Reports**

- President: Hollie Smith
  - Art Show last week was a success, we raised over \$4000
  - Today Author Patrick Jennings came to Discovery, which was paid for by PTSA. The staff and students really enjoyed
  - New Proposed Bell times Elementary 9:10am, Middle School 8:10am, High School 8:00am – the ISD is holding presentations and is gathering feedback. Final decisions will be made by December 2016 for 2017-18 implementation.
- Secretary: Veronica Winkler – please encourage families and staff to participate the PTSA survey.
- Treasurer Report: Shana Jukes and Cary Wade
  - Reviewed grant request for \$1750 for an author visit to school in May. Mari Stevens motioned to approve the grant request and Alisha Brummet seconded the motion to approve.
- VP of Communication: Jen Rose – nothing to report
- VP of Fundraising: Alisha Brummett
  - Box tops has raised money over the years and we have purchased a Gaga Ball Court with some of those funds.
- Principal Report: Marti Shefveld
  - Really impressed with the Art Show last week and this week teacher evaluations are taking place.
  - Positive growth in reading and writing scores. SBA testing was completed and was a great success thanks to the laptop carts that were purchased with the PTSA funds.

- Staff is very hard working and conscientious and Marti is so thankful to the PTSA for helping to create such a warm and vibrant community here at Discovery.
- As a school we would like to introduce a welcoming committee to welcome new families (Kindergarten and new to the district and/or country). Please share names of individuals who would be interested in being a liaison.
- Teacher Representative: Kim Hand
  - Thank you to the PTSA and families for Staff Appreciation week. We enjoyed the week and felt really appreciated.
  - New math curriculum, Eureka Math, will be rolled out next year. Kim is on the District Advisory board and will be helping with training staff. Teachers will have access to the curriculum by the end of this school year and will have training prior to the start of the next school year in addition to training throughout the year. Follows Common Core standards. This curriculum will also allow for each student to be progressing from their individual starting points. In addition, Eureka math will have a parent portal where they can IXL will still be available and supported by the district.
  - A question was asked regarding homework and whether or not it is valuable for children's development. 10 minutes per grade is the ISD recommended guideline.

### **Current Business**

- Grant Requests:
  - Kat Plakinger requesting \$627 for science crossword puzzle books teaching K-5 science curriculum.
  - Request of \$9768 to purchase a die cut machine for use by all trained staff and volunteers.
  - 1 laptop cart containing 20 laptops is being requested @ \$11,000 for school-wide use.
  - Debra Mohn is requesting keyboards to be replaced. She has requested 2, however PTSA would like to replace 12 @ \$2400.
  - \$100 4<sup>th</sup> Grade surplus to be divided amongst the 3 classes.
    - Ann Gallinger motions to approve the grant requests. Meg Sloan 2nds the motion, all in attendance approved.
- Approve 2016-2017 Budget
  - Mari Stevens motioned to approve, approved.
- Nomination for open Director of Communication Position
  - Jen Rose nominates Diane McKenna, no other nominations from the floor. Alisha Brummett motioned to approve the nomination, approved.

**Dates to Remember**

- Volunteer reception – June 1
- Field Day – June 14
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion – June 15
- Last Day of School – June 16

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

Minutes submitted by Veronica Winkler, Discovery PTSA Secretary.