

Discovery Elementary School PTSA 2.6.9
General Membership Minutes
September 27, 2016
Pending approval

In Attendance

Attendance sheet is on file as an attachment to September 27, 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

- Meeting was called to order by Hollie Smith at 7:12pm.

Reports

- I. Current Business
 - a. Secretary: Veronica Winkler
 - i. Minutes from 5/24/16 General Membership meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.
 - b. Special presentation by Jeff Leland, Overload PE Teacher – presentation on Sparrow Club – Helping children in need through community service. More information to be coming home with children.
 - c. Treasurers: Teresa Bright and Yan Chen
 - i. August financials were reconciled. 2015-2016 Year End Financial Review was conducted and completed. If anyone is interested in volunteering for Financial Review 2x per year, please let Hollie or a member of the PTSA board know.
 - ii. Checks cut for Science to go \$4,675 & Take 5 Staff Luncheon \$1122.62
 - iii. 2016-2017 Budget presented
 - iv. Grant request from Kindergarten teachers. Since this request is over \$500, we are required to bring this to the general membership for vote. Seat covers for \$718.04. Sarah Manningsmith motions to approve the grant request, motion was seconded. Grant request approved. FYI for new parents, each teacher gets up to \$300 per year to buy classroom supplies.
 - v. Question was asked by a parent as to why we stopped doing the Walkathon. Hollie explained that it was very labor intensive and so we tried the Fun Run the last 2 years. Mari Stevens encouraged parents if they are interested in chairing events we welcome new ideas. Hollie

reminded parents to collect and submit Box Tops as we raise quite a lot of money through this initiative.

- d. President: Hollie Smith presented and explained the following:
 - i. Standing Rules
 - ii. Mission and Goals
 - 1. Show of hands for which PTSA Reps were in attendance. 9 raised their hands. Hollie asked that we spread the word so that we have 1 Rep for each class.
 - e. Vice President: Noreen Awan
 - i. Classroom PTSA Representatives
 - f. Fundraising: Alisha Brummett
 - i. Fall Fundraiser – we are trying something new to the Fun Run this year. It kicks off this Friday and runs for 2 weeks, our largest fundraiser for the year. Total school goal is \$35,000. The money raised goes towards funding various school events and classroom/school needs.
 - g. Programs/Volunteers: Jen Rose
 - i. Open positions – sign up on PTSA website on the volunteers tab
 - 1. Staff Appreciation Chair – the first week in May we host a variety of events. Looking for someone to coordinate the committee.
 - 2. Administrative Help (making flyer copies for various PTSA events)
 - 3. Library – can always use help to help children check books out.
 - ii. Reflections (Sarah) – National PTSA program. Theme this year is What is Your Story? 3 categories – Literature, Photography and Visual Arts. Looking for Judges starting Nov. 7th
 - h. Advocacy: Sarah Manningsmith
 - i. Legislative Assembly – October 21-22, Olympia – we have an opportunity to send 9 representatives. If you are interested in attending please let Sarah know. There is another opportunity in January as well. Every school PTSA membership represents 3 students. Have helped guarantee recesses, school speed zones, etc.
 - i. Membership: Shana Jukes
 - i. Current numbers – 306 members
Yan Cheng reminded attendees that PTSA membership is eligible for employer matching.
- II. Special Reports
- a. Principal: Marti Shefvland
 - i. Welcome to new families. Year has been off to a great start, staff and students have settled into their classrooms and schedules. Great turnout for both curriculum nights.

- b. Teacher Representative: Kim Hand
 - i. Eureka Math has been well received and teachers are enjoying the new curriculum. So far so good. It is an adjustment for parents as well as it is a new way of teaching.
- III. Dates to Remember
 - a. Back to School BBQ/Fall Fundraiser Kick off – September 30
 - b. Spirit Week – October 3-7
 - c. Taste of Discovery/Cultural Fair – November 16
 - d. Next general meeting – November 22
- IV. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 8:06pm
Minutes submitted by Veronica Winkler, Discovery PTSA Secretary.