

Discovery Elementary School PTSA 2.6.9
General Membership Minutes
November 22, 2016
Approved

In Attendance

Attendance sheet is on file as an attachment to November 22, 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 7:02pm.

Reports

I. Current Business

a. Secretary: Veronica Winkler

- i. Minutes from 9/27/16 General Membership meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

b. President: Hollie Smith

i. Program Updates

1. Back to School BBQ – successful event again this year. 600+ in attendance including quite a number of staff.
2. Multicultural Night – 1st Annual, changed from Taste of Discovery previously. It was really well attended; many families in attendance and also many that participated by bringing dishes to share.
3. Caring Through Sharing – fliers going out this week requesting donations for the Holiday Gift Barn for families in need through Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank.
4. Eager Reader – kicks off Jan. 6 – reminder for families to register on PTSA website and match teacher names to their child's profile.
5. Spelling Bee Qualifying – Jan. 25 – open to 1st -5th Graders, finals take place in February.

- ii. Grant Request – For a New Popcorn Machine – Creters \$1,695 + taxes. Current machine is 15+ years old and is becoming unreliable. PTSA board would like to replace the current machine.

1. Parent asked if we charge for popcorn, we did a few years ago but it was not intended to be a moneymaker so we decided to make

away with charging. Another parent asked if this is something we could explore sponsorship for (ie. Local retailers or realtors).

Ann Gallinger motioned to approve the grant request, motion 2nd by Cory Cole. Grant request approved.

- iii. Nominating Committee – January is when we form the nominating committee, which is responsible for getting the word out and identifying new board members for 2017-2018. Please let a current board member know if you are interested in being a member of this committee. Time commitment is about 8 hours over a 3 month period as the new board members are voted in at the March 28 General Meeting.

c. Vice President: Noreen Awan

i. Treasurers Update:

- 1. 2015 Tax Return completed and submitted
- 2. Major checks written: Tax prep \$450, Family literacy night \$1000, WA State PTSA funds \$2453, Mathclub \$975,

- ii. Classroom PTSA Representatives – we are encouraging the reps to communicate PTSA news directly to their classrooms to help with program awareness/participation.

- iii. Fall Fundraiser raised \$37,781, 62% community participation, \$3505 additional raised through the Silent Auction

- iv. Next fundraiser is Bellevue Ice Skating – Eblast communication sent.

d. Advocacy: Sarah Manningsmith

- i. January 16th – Washington State PTA Focus Day 8am-1pm in Olympia. Anyone is welcome to join.

II. Special Reports

a. Principal: Marti Shefveld

- i. Great fall with all the various events. Parent Literacy night was well received by many families. Thank you to volunteers who helped to sort Eureka Math. Eagle Eye has been a great success this year, students have achieved their reward and will have a 1 hour fun assembly on Tuesday while teachers have 1 extra hour of planning time.

b. Teacher Representative: Kim Hand

- i. Staff is so appreciative of the fundraising efforts. We are so blessed to be in this community. Some staff would like to contribute to the fundraiser and we were not able to with the child links.

- ii. Problem solving conversations with children working with Eureka Math and seeing children who have previously not enjoyed math having AHA moments! Zearn.org is a good online tool that follows the same methods as Eureka.
- c. Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF) – Ann Gallinger
 - i. Fall “All In Campaign” was not pushed at Discovery this year since it was right on the heels of our own Fall Fundraiser. We will be encouraging families to attend the Spring breakfast and luncheons to support ISF.
 - ii. Teacher Grants are welcomed. Marti mentioned that she is working with staff on putting in some grant requests this year.
- d. Spirit wear – Jillian Born
 - i. We are waiting for a few more teachers to respond and submit class counts to see which designs are most popular and will open sales shortly.
- e. Multicultural Night Cookbook – Noreen
 - i. Please submit recipes and we will be printing a book in the new year for families to purchase.

Misc. comments from members: Gani Konapala - Suggestion for newsletters – only 3-4 bullet points at top of email and more details below. Hard to read wordy emails. Ann Gallinger – Multicultural night was amazing, just a suggestion that the performance schedule is published so that if you were going through the displays and you wanted to watch a certain performance you would know when to step out./ Fall Fundraiser – suggestion that the wording is changed to a “campaign” or “drive” so that parents are clear that there is no run or walk involved. Also suggestion to add several levels of prizes so that all children whose families contributed feel they participated.

III. Dates to Remember

- a. Next general meeting – January 24, 2017

IV. Adjourn

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