

Discovery Elementary PTSA 2.6.9  
9/26/17 General Membership Meeting  
Unapproved

- I. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order by Noreen Awan (President) at 7:03 time. Pledge was led by Omar Awan.
- II. Members present: Please see sign-in sheet. A quorum was established.
- III. Current Business:
  - a. Secretary: Dana Crossgrove
    - i. Minutes from 5/23/17 general meeting was approved as presented. Noreen motioned to approve and Smitha Das seconded approval.
  - b. President: Noreen Awan
    - i. Introduction and welcome of Board members and Marti Schevelend, Principal. Staff will designate a PTSA Rep to fill the vacancy by end of October.
    - ii. Goals: Integration of new families. Welcome to new families including providing help to understand new school district, new language, etc. Dad volunteering to be spear headed by Matt Winkler.
    - iii. Post-Event: Back to School Bash went well and we served about 500. Some feedback was that macademia nut cookies were mixed in causing concern for allergies, having music playing earlier would have been good as kids LOVED the music.
  - c. Programs & Volunteers: Smita Das & Mary Neubauer
    - i. Bus Greeters – Lack of volunteers but we pulled it off well. Hard to get volunteers first week of school so plan for that next year as well.
    - ii. Coffee & Cry – Kindergarten first day enabled parents to share and meet others.
    - iii. Lunchroom Helpers – Lots of volunteers for this time. We helped all the grades, but particularly K & 1<sup>st</sup>. By 3<sup>rd</sup> day kids were pretty fluent in what they needed to do, so great job.
    - iv. Upcoming Events: Family Literacy Night – Marti and staff are working on putting this together and it's slated for October 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Fundraising – Jillian Born
    - i. Spirit Wear – Good turn out, will be distributed on Friday in time for Spirit Week. Teachers will distribute. Elected not to allow for shipping to student homes to keep costs down.
    - ii. Hawk-a-thon – Still need volunteers. Will be decorating the school and cheering them on every day during Spirit Week.

1. Parent raised concern about Volunteers and delay in getting the approvals done. Marti clarified process, which includes background checks which was the hold-up. She called district to expedite volunteers needed for events this week. This will be on-going issue every fall as it is required by District for safety of kids.
- e. Treasurer – Teresa Bright
    - i. Five grant requests were approved by the Board this month., totaling \$2219.40.
  - f. Advocacy/Reflections: Sarah Manningsmith
    - i. Advocacy meetings coming up Olympia will provide update after those happen. Any parents interested in attending are very welcome to join.
    - ii. Reflections is national program for kids to express themselves. “Within Reach” is this year’s theme. We will need help judging student submissions starting November 6th using provided rubric on how to judge.
  - g. Membership – Alisha Brummette
    - i. 87% paid members, includes 25 staff and 164 families
  - h. Watch DOGS – Matt Winkler
    - i. Reviewed history of the program and goal for getting male figures (dads, papas, etc.) on campus to have more presence. Goals is 180 participants for the year. Dads sign up for 1 day to be present at school, be here in the morning to greet kids, walk around the playground, eat lunch with kiddos, and will expand as we get it going. Flyer coming out in the next week, please put the word out to any & all males. Men will be provided with checklist of things to look for and things to do while they are here that Matt will be preparing based upon the Program literature and Staff input. Ideal to stay majority of the day or half days. Corporations like Microsoft provide financial matching to school for volunteer hours, so trying to do 2 good things at once. Discussed a few options for a Kick-Off Event for dads/kids to gather. Any male figure is great, doesn’t have to be a “dad”. They get shirts to wear and kids will start recognizing those.

#### IV. Discussion –

- a. Looking for a Talent Show program lead. Is anyone interested? Meg Sloan volunteered to be the Tech/Sound Person for the show but need another program chair to step up.
- b. Issaquah School Foundation Representative is needed to attend 5-6 meetings per year and report back to school.
- c. Art Docents – We are lacking almost 50% of the classes, sign up via PTSA website please.
- d. Marti - Thank you for the Back To School Bash, I heard such great things and dancing was fun. Bus Greeters, the kids liked seeing the

volunteers. Coffee & Cry so great to see that back this year. Will try to promote Reflections with the Staff. Hawk-a-Thon – have asked teachers to create class posters in the hallway and will provide pizza party to class with highest participation.

- e. Hawk-a-thon – We are managing this event “in-house” to avoid paying an agency, so Jillian will be keeping track of all donation submissions and can answer questions as needed.
- f. Bus Greeters feedback – wasn’t clear that we weren’t requiring volunteers to commit for the whole week, would have preferred to pick shifts if possible.
- g. A reminder about how to and what fundraising is eligible for employer match.
- h. We have 11 PTSA Classroom Reps signed up and need to get more.

V. Dates To Remember –

- a. Spirit Week (All Next Week)
- b. Hawk-a-Thon – Wednesday Oct 4th
- c. Family Literacy – October 18<sup>th</sup>
- d. Multicultural Night – November 8th
- e. General PTSAA Meeting – November 28th

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Minutes submitted by Dana Crossgrove, Discovery PTSA Secretary.