

Discovery Elementary School PTSA 2.6.9 General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2017, 7:00pm, Discovery Elementary Library
Approved

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Noreen Awan, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. See sign in sheet for list of members present. A quorum was established.

II. Reports: Current Business

- a. Secretary: Dana Crossgrove
Minutes from September 26, 2017 General Membership Meeting were distributed, reviewed and approved as presented.
- b. President: Noreen Asan
 - i. Introduced Michelle Moon (present) and Linda Ogden (not present) who are our new PTSA Staff Representatives.
 - ii. 2017 WPTA Legislative Assembly update was provided.
 - iii. PTA & The Principal/PTA & The District – reviewed recent meetings that were attended and what topics were discussed.
 - iv. ParentWiser – reviewed upcoming events for parent resources
- c. Programs & Volunteers: Mary Neubauer
 - i. Multi-Cultural Night Review – Great representation from many countries, popular event given large attendance.
 - ii. Hearing & Vision Screening Review – A lot of volunteers helped, new vision equipment made it go faster than past years.
 - iii. Holiday Gift Barn - Runs until 12/5, wishlist is on back of flyer and includes stuff like clothes, toys and items for all ages including older kids.
 - iv. Eager Reader – Starts 1/5 through 2/3. Info will be distributed to kids upon return from Winter Break.
 - v. Talent Show – Date likely to slip, working with District to secure venue and date.
- d. Fundraising: Jillian Born
 - i. Walk-a-Thon Review – We raised a great pool of money that will fund all our programs this year. Matching funds will trickle in for weeks yet.
 - ii. Ice Skating – Located in Bellevue, mention Discovery to get portion of fee donated to our PTSA.
 - iii. Amazon Smile – Trying to make it easier for people to shop via Amazon and donate to Discovery PTSA. Spread the word, every dollar helps.
 - iv. Scholastic Book Fair – Looking at doing a spring fair to get books for summer reading.
- e. Treasurer: Teresa Bright and Yan Cheng
 - i. Financial Report presented by Noreen on behalf of Teresa. See copy attached.
 - ii. Grant Requests - Board approved 2 teacher grants this month. \$350 for music books and \$250 to school STEM Coordinator for teacher resource books that all grade levels will use.
 - iii. Matching Funds – We received \$215 in September and \$13,300 in October, mostly from Microsoft, Boeing, eBay, and a few others.
- f. Advocacy/Reflections: Sarah Manningsmith
 - i. Advocacy – School district will have reps at Membership Meeting in January to discuss upcoming Levy votes.
 - ii. Reflections – 47 entries, 28% increase over last year. Sent 12 pieces on to District level. Need a new Reflections Chairperson for next year.

- iii. Yearbook – 10 teachers still missing yearbook photographers. Won't get much coverage from those classes. Increase in school headcount caused Yearbook to be larger. Opted to create a 5th Grade Supplement so yearbook remains same for all other grades and 5th gets extra coverage.
- g. Membership: Alisha Brummett
We are at 96% paid members as of this month. We need 28 more members to reach our goal.
- h. Watch D.O.G.S. & Issaquah Schools Foundation: Matt Winkler
 - i. WatchD.O.G.S. – Staff has signed off on the program and will be moving forward with official Kick-Off with Dads in December/January.
 - ii. ISF – Accepting grants in December if we have anything we need. All In For Kids fundraiser is at Chinoise this Month.

III. **Special Reports: Principal's Update – Marti Schefveland**

- a. Enrollment went up by 60 kids this year, 80 over the past 2 years. Class numbers are increasing with some classes on cusp of being “overload” status which receives added attention.
- b. Remodel coming up. Adding a wing with 6 new classrooms. Office area will be moved to the front of the building where ECE is today. Installing safety improvements with locked doors and key card access. Considering other safety enhancements for visitors/volunteers check-in. Timeline may be as soon as this coming summer. Will continue to have portables for some classes even after expansion. Water supply testing being done to see if upgrade is needed.
- c. Electronic reader board on hold pending new Sammamish Council to take office in January when ISD will put forth a proposal. Still very much intended to happen.
- d. Surface Pro training for parents to be held in December to show what students can do with Art on these computers. Staff will also be getting additional training, date TBD. Feedback from teachers is good so looking to expand to full classroom set next year.
- e. STEM – Sydney Herzberg is new staff chairperson. January 31st Family Engineering Night hosted by Discovery Staff. Four staff members involved in more training and bringing tools back to the classroom for STEM education.
- f. Eureka Math now 1 year old. Staff worked hard to get it implemented and this year is so much smoother.

IV. **Dates To Remember:**

- a. Holiday Gift Barn: November 27th to December 5th
- b. Eager Reader: January 5th to February 3rd
- c. First Winter Break: December 21st to January 1st
- d. General PTSA Membership Meeting: January 30th, 7-8pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Minutes submitted by Dana Crossgrove, Discovery PTSA Secretary.