

## **Minutes from PTA General Board Meeting,** **October 16, 2012**

**Members Present:** See attendance sheet

**Call to order:** Nicki Foran and Tracy Heins, Co – Presidents

- Approval of May 2012 Meetings minutes
- Vote on Standing Rules and Regulations we must follow- passed
- Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly results for Sunrise:
  - Highly qualified teachers
  - Fund Education First
  - Complete Solution for K – 12 funding
  - Struggling readers
  - Advance Basic Education Reforms
- Discussed how to spend approximately \$2000 that was over budgeted for the science program. Ideas included:
  - Fix/upgrade playground
  - Track and long jump area cleaned up
  - New wood chips in playground area, old ones removed
    - Principal Hale will check into this to see if the district provides wood chips
  - Community clean up for school
    - Mrs. Watson's class looking for community service project

**Treasurer's Update:** Phil Lucido

- September figures include:
  - \$3500 received from Membership, \$2400 of that paid to local North Shore PTA
  - \$6557 income from Employee Matching
  - \$453 from Pass the Hat so far
  - Fall Fiesta broke even (not a fundraiser)
  - \$25,000 grant for science teacher (expense), budget is set at \$30,000
    - \$2500 raised a couple of years ago at target science fundraiser
    - Are over budget by \$2520, will put this toward the following:
      - Golden Acorn/Apple budget increased from \$150 to \$300
      - Teacher appreciation budget increased from \$250 to \$400
      - State Convention budget increased from \$200 to \$400
      - Hospitality budget increased from \$150 to \$350

**Fundraising Update:** Lindsay Rogers, Jen Guadagno

- Annual Fund drive has started
- Employee Match with Microsoft:
  - Membership fees are matchable
  - Will match 10+ hours a year at \$17 an hour
  - Volunteer hours must be for PTA sponsored time, not classroom time (Art docent may qualify)
- Looking for auction chairs – talk to or email Lindsay or Jen if you know anyone that may want to volunteer for this
- Launch of Affiliates program:
  - Amazon link is on <http://sunriseparents.org> now
  - More programs will come online and be communicated

**Enrichment Update:** Jean Tracy

- After School programs started open registration for November classes:
  - Spanish class has new format and new teacher, enough kids
  - Jr. Lego Engineering has enough kids to start
  - Aspiring Authors still needs more kids to register
  - New procedures and data form for after school programs
  - Math Olympiad started last week
- Art Docent program going well, Art Docent Summit this weekend
  - Chris Bien, Art docent coordinator looking to art docent project related to Rachel's Challenge
  - Art Night is March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Reflections topic – The Magic of a Moment, due Nov.7<sup>th</sup>
- Emergency container all stocked up thanks to 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Friendly Fridays good turnout
- Pinocchio will run November 2 & 3
- Mrs. Vacchio looking for volunteers for short term project, email to go out to volunteer list

**Programs – Social Events update:** Lanie Klepp, Kim Lindstrom

- Fall Fiesta big success, a break even event
  - 335 people ate: 188 adults, 147 kids
  - 30 youth volunteers and lots of adult volunteers
- Feedback from Fiesta:
  - Cake walk too crazy with kids running around
  - Not enough cakes
  - Communication on how the cake walk works and cake contest not clear
- Teacher Appreciation lunch going well, next date set for November 15, hosted by third graders
- Halloween dance October 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Dance instruction starts Oct. 15-18 with Galen
  - Tickets on sale before and after school and at the door
  - Can wear a school appropriate costume

**Membership update:** Melinda Haeffele, Kristina Maltoni

- Please see attached sheet, highlights include:
  - 82 family memberships
  - 40 individual memberships
  - 33 staff memberships
  - 237 members total, last year there were 275 members total
- 77% PTA membership
- Printing extra directories and offer incentives to join PTA
- Continue to have membership totals on website and Sunriser
- Directory scheduled to be out in November

**Communications Update:** Duncan Mackenzie & Laura Mackenzie

- Goal to have all information on Sunrise PTA website
- Let Duncan know if you want to add anything to website or comments
  - Suggestion of description of PTA Board jobs on website
- Looking for Chair for Welcoming Committee - someone who reaches out to new families, some set up work before functions/meetings

**Principal Hale update:**

- Rachel's Challenge feedback:
  - More information on what the kids saw in presentation
  - Put Rachel's Challenge poster on website
  - Information passed down from older to younger kids a problem
- Washington State Assessments – Changes and Challenges
  - Big changes coming over the next 2 -3 years
    - Annual Measurable Objectives know measures the school against itself in 45 potential cells
    - MSP used for the next 2 years
    - Sunrise had second highest score in reading and math in the North Shore School District in 2011
    - Did not make goals for 2012
  - School Improvement goals:
    - Reading and math are goals, try to get standard kids to above standard
    - Teachers have goals, plans and a way to measure it
  - School Challenges
    - Small school with high special education population
    - Already high test scores

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next General Board Meeting January 8, 2013**