



Sunrise Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting 3/17/2015 Minutes

Members present: Please see attached sign in sheet. Quorum was met for voting.

Call to Order: Jennifer Tunnell, President

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of January 13, 2015 General Membership Meeting minutes
- Next General Membership Meeting is May 12, 2015
 - agenda will include either a refresher on internet safety or guest speaker regarding McCleary Mandate
 - agenda also will include presenting and voting on the budget for 2015/2016
- Next Executive Board Meeting is April 9, 2015 - all members are welcome to attend.

Science Program Presentation: Tricia Brown, Science Specialist, and Steve Hopkins, Principal

- Current Science program at Sunrise has been in existence since 2000
- Benefits of a Science Specialist
 - Specialist provides support to teachers
 - Specialist maintains the lab equipment and supplies
 - Allows the teachers to explore learning with the students, more hands on, while Mrs. Brown is teaching the lesson
- Discussed Next Generation Science Standards
- Parents are welcome to volunteer - members requested Mrs. Brown notify them through sign up genius regarding available times.

Nominating Committee Elections: Jennifer Tunnell, President

- Secretary read aloud from the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws Article 5, Section 6
- A motion was made and the vote passed to elect the following members to the Executive Board for 2015/2016:
 - President: Julie Johnson
 - Treasurer: Mark Rogers
 - Secretary: Julie Barclay



- Co-VP's of Membership: Alison Van Den Heuvel, Maureen Lucido
- Co-VP's of Fundraising: Lindsey Fellows, Jenn Thomson
- VP of Communications: Chris Mead
- VP of Programs - Enrichment: Courtney English-Neubauer
- VP of Programs - Social Events: Emily Mus

Treasurer Report: Mark Rogers, Treasurer

- Treasurer's Report for February 2015 attached to minutes.
- Discussed current budget and provided forecast for the rest of this year (copy of 2014/2015 Forecast/Budget attached to minutes)
- Provided explanation of budget vs. cash in bank and how budget works
- We should hold in reserve 50% of operating costs in bank - currently have more than that
- Our yearly budget is about \$90,000 - \$100,000
- Need to increase emergency fund to \$20,000 (currently \$6,000)
- Continue reserve of \$42,500 for Science Grant
- Have about \$70,000 in excess cash after accounting for all reserves

Music Presentation: Heather Arnold, Music Specialist

- Current risers are old and function poorly; have no back and are unsafe
- Current music curriculum is outdated and difficult to use
- There are not enough pieces of music equipment for all students to use; many are broken and need repair or replacement
- Mrs. Arnold requested funds to buy new risers, a new music curriculum, and some new equipment, approx. \$11,000 (information attached to notes)
- Motion was made to reserve funds for these items; after discussion motion was voted on and approved.

Playground Presentation: Lindsay Rogers, Playground Improvement Committee

- No improvements have been made to playground in a long time
- Parts of the original playground structure have been removed due to accidents or vandalism
- Current wooden timbers are rotting and metal rods are exposed
- Current wood chips are compacted and are not providing a soft landing



- District is looking into replacing wood chips this summer, and it would be a good time to add a new structure, enlarge the playground, and replace the wooden timbers with a higher quality plastic interlocking timber system.
- Playground Committee requested \$40,000 to improve playground this summer
- Motion was made to reserve funds for playground improvement; after discussion motion was voted on and approved.

Library Presentation: Ali van den Heuvel

- Provided information (attached) regarding new furniture for the library
- Mrs. Gallagher, Librarian, is requesting funds (approx. \$500) for new reading nooks
- Motion was made to reserve funds for library furniture; after discussion motion was voted on and approved.

Principal's Report: Steve Hopkins, Principal

- EAP families will be touring Sunrise at Open House on March 30 in morning
- Coffee with Principal - March 27
- Will be forming a Task Force to help with transition next year - would like Sunrise families on task force

Membership Report: Jen Tunnell, President

- The Council PTA reported at their latest meeting on membership levels for entire district
- Sunrise is one of highest in district with over 90% membership

Social Events Report: Darin Benson, VP Social Events

- Skate Night is coming - May 5 (Cinco de Mayo)

New Business/Announcements:

- Suggestion was made to get a donation from a local business (PCC?) to give away at next meeting in order to increase attendance.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next General Membership Meeting May 12, 2015.

Submitted by Julie Johnson, Secretary