



Sunrise Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting 5/12/2015 Minutes

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

Call to Order: Jennifer Tunnell, President

- Welcome and Introductions
- March 17, 2015 General Membership Meeting minutes approved
- Next General Membership Meeting is October 6, 2015
- Next Executive Board Meeting is June 5, 2015 - all members are welcome to attend
- Motion #1 made and passed to vote in Lilian Hampton as Co-VP of Programs - Enrichment
- Reminder to use Affiliate programs - discussed using the PTA website link for Amazon, PCC scrip cards available (and can now be reloaded online)
- Golden Apple, Golden Acorn nominations forms are available in the PTA bin in the office. Need to be submitted by June 3.
- Legislative Update - discussed the 1 day strike to raise awareness for the budget being passed in Olympia, which needs to fully fund education. Encouraged members to communicate opinion to legislators before the session ends.

Budget Presentation: Mark Rogers, Treasurer

- See attached Treasurer's Report and Profit and Loss Statement for April 2015.
- Presented the proposed 2015/2016 PTA budget
- Discussed the need to increase fundraising next year in order to continue offering the same level of Science instruction by the Science Specialist (currently 2 out of 3 science units taught by specialist, the third unit taught by classroom teacher) due to increased student population next year (5 additional classes)
- Discussed the issue that we do not know if the District will allow an increase in the Specialist's hours, and if so, how much the increased cost will be. Also we do not know if they will allow the hours to be reduced again if increased fundraising is not sustainable
- Member suggested having the Fall Ask fundraising campaign during the Back to School Fiesta (pass the hat while people are eating)
- Member suggested having a video showing what the PTA does and showing it on



curriculum nights

- By show of hands, the majority of membership expressed their desire to increase science program so that each class continues to have 2/3 units taught by specialist, even though additional funds will need to be raised, vs. keeping budget the same and reducing number of science units taught by specialist.
- Motion #2 made to approve proposed budget as is, passed.
- Motion #3 made to allow PTA Exec Board to accumulate and reserve funds, up to a limit of \$25,000, to increase the Science Program as needed to maintain current level of service. Motion passed.

Principal's Report: Steve Hopkins, Principal

- Reported on changes coming to Sunrise next fall - EAP program
- More students are qualifying for HiCap and EAP, so program is expanding
- 125 new students to Sunrise
- Will hire 5 new teachers for EAP classes, 5 new classrooms, will still have computer lab and science lab
- Leadership team has been brainstorming ideas to welcome new students and families
- Schoolwide expectations will be refreshed- visuals, common language; this will increase success if kids are all hearing the same message
- Ben's Bells assembly coming in the fall - kindness program
- Staff are looking at integration strategies, being intentional with language - not labeling a student as an "EAP student" but saying instead, "student from Mr. Snyder's class."
- Special Ed programs will be merging - Mid Level Blended classroom will combine with Learning Center program
- Ms. Lamba and 2 paraeducators will run program
- Member asked if there are plans to change the recess schedule - current plan is to have a schedule where K-2 (no EAP) will be at recess from 12:00-12:30, 3-4 (with EAP classes) will be at recess from 12:15-12:45, and 5-6 (with EAP classes) from 12:30-1:00.
- Specialists currently are at .8 (4 days a week), and will increase to 1.1 (5 days a week). Mrs. Arnold will go to 1.0 and a new hire (.1) will likely teach music to kindergarten. Library will increase to 1.0 (5 days a week) and PE will have Mrs. Arrivey at .55 and a new PE teacher at .55. Mrs. Williams will not return next year.
- Discussed plan for having some split classes next year: likely a 4/5 split and a 5/6 split.



Benefit of a split class is they get a 2 hr assistant per day

- Reminder - Friday is Coffee with the Principal
- Popsicles with the Principal at Sunrise playground August 5.

Playground Committee Update: Julie Johnson, Secretary

- Phase 1 will include replacing the wooden timber borders, changing the shape and making the playground area bigger, replacing one small structure with a new structure, and adding one or two additional small pieces. This will be completed this summer. Will allow students to vote for which structure they prefer (either a web-style climber or a dome style climber)
- Phase 2 will require more fundraising, and will include replacing the large structure.

Communications Report: Jen Guadagno, VP of Communications

- Reminder to look for PTA updates on Facebook, PTA website, Twitter
- This year using the room parents as a way to get messages out quickly worked very well

Fundraising Report: Jenn Thomson, Co-VP of Fundraising

- \$43,000 has been raised this year - goal was \$42,000
- Will draft a letter to EAP families explaining the Fall Ask

Enrichment Report: Kelli Torrie, Co-VP of Programs - Enrichment

- Looking for Math Olympiad Chair

Social Events Report: Darin Benson, VP Programs - Social Events

- Need Chair for Back to School Social (Fiesta)

New Business/Announcements: None

Meeting Adjourned.

Next General Membership Meeting October 6, 2015.

Submitted by Julie Johnson, Secretary