



October PTA General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, October 18, 2016, 8:30 a.m., Auditorium

Board Members Present: Julie Couser (President), Kathryn Mora (Recording Secretary), Denise Stokes (Community Involvement), Christa Rimonneau (VP of Development), Christina Prozano and April Johnson (Co VP(s) of Extended Day), Aisha Johnson (Assistant Treasurer).

(At least 8 association members, including a minimum of 2 board members and 6 parent members present; a quorum was reached.)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:36am.

Minutes: Reading of the 9/16/16 meeting minutes was waived and minutes were accepted.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: presented by Julie Couser

There has been a great amount of support we have already gotten this year. Has been a great group effort. Fall Festival was a huge success. Thank you!

Annual Appeal:

We need everyone to donate at any amount.

Can give check, credit card and recurring donation. Also company matches are a huge asset. Very important that we all chip in so the PTA can pay for all the programs.

Election Day bake sale. Will be a lot of people coming through the school. We can make a huge amount of money. Need a lot of volunteers that day- shifts and baking.

World Culture Day coming up. November 18th, LCD committee is leading that program.

Still need a communications secretary position to be filled. Please contact PTA if you are interested.

Teacher Grants have gone out. Parents are not to get involved in the process. It is for the teachers to determine what will enhance their class academically. Example of ideas: printers, seat sacks, professional advancement classes.

Lunch and Recess: A few parents have expressed concern about lunch and recess. Not enough time to play or eat. Why are K and 2nd grade playing together? Enough supervision?

TO BE APPROVED BY MEMBERSHIP

Julie explains that PTA spends \$65K on Playworks and kids orbit. If people want more resources then everyone needs to give money. It's always hard for the younger grades at the beginning of the year. It will get better as they students get used to their routine.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: presented by Vice Principal Deanne McGhie

Student led conferences coming up. Additional days added.

PreK Wednesday November 2, 3:15-7:00

K-5 Thursday 12:30-2:30 and 4:00-7:30

Additional days for grades K-5 are Tuesdays November 15, 22, 29 2:40-4:00

Title I presented by Tim Wilkins

Title I is a federally funded program. Money helps school with programing. 1% of the money goes to parent involvement. Criteria to qualify for title I is in limbo now- not dependent on free lunch eligibility. Government will look at how the school supports low income students and ELL students.

We have been able to fund the software program Reading A-Z. Reading A-Z online learning tools; leveled reading in English, French and Spanish for online reading or printing. Gives access to every kid to leveled books. The license is expanded to all classes this year.

Does anyone want to be part of the title I committee to support the title I status in the school? We can vote for 2 parents to be part of the committee. There are meetings once a month and then report back to the school community on what has been happening.

Two parents are interested in taking the free position. They will talk to Tim after the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: presented by Jerome Tagger

Approval of the budget

*See financial report attached

Our goal is to not lose money. Because we manage playlab we are looking for them to make a profit.

Fundraising is hugely important to the success of the PTA and the programs it funds.

Our overall revenue target is \$611K

Our overall expenses are \$588K

Playlab net contribution \$33K

Budget revenue \$23K

We are a business in our 3rd year. We are still in our growth period.

It's important to take part in the success. Please volunteer, write a check, ask questions.

Questions:

Is there a strategy to annual appeal?

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Budget up for vote- all yes and 1 abstention – Budget passed!

Fundraising - presented by Christa Rimonneau – We had 300 supporters for AA last year. We are trying to get 100% this year. Kicking off movie night this Friday. Please come.

Kicking off auction planning. Date is May 6th at BRIC Arts. Need people to support item donation and help plan.

Read A Thon will be month of February.

Community - presented by Denise Stokes – We don't just fundraise- we also give back to our community. World Cultural Day coming Nov 18, you will receive details from your teacher.

CHIPS toiletry drive. November 18th we will be collecting toiletries. Will send details later.

We donate bagels every Wednesday to CHIP which are donated by La Bagel on 7th Ave.

It's safety week. We have bought our security guards little gifts. Please make sure to thank them when you see them.

-Pulling of winners for Fall Festival baskets.

NEXT MEETING: November 16, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Auditorium

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:50am by President.

Minutes compiled by Kathryn Mora, Recording Secretary

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