

# PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes

## Friday, May 17th, 2019

### Welcome –President, AJ Henderson

- The following nominees were voted in as the 2019-20 Executive Slate
  - Co-President AJ Henderson
  - Co-President Amy Hayes
  - Executive Vice President Paula Koransky
  - Treasurer Kerri Shek
  - Secretary Sandy McNees
  - Co-VP Communications Claire Raphael
  - Co-VP Communications Lloyd Raphael
  - Co-VP Programs Tiffany Parker
  - Co-VP Programs Andrea Obert
  - Co-VP Volunteers Susan Ho
  - Co-VP Volunteers Holly Briscoe
  - VP Community Relations Laura Gehmen
- Andrea Obert nominated Sandra Vanderzee for VP Fundraising. Lisa Righetti called it to vote, Swati Jain 2<sup>nd</sup>, there are no objections. Sandra Vanderzee, VP Fundraising voted in for 2019-2020 Executive Slate.

### Executive Vice President, Amy Hayes

- Council Update –
  - Working to make facilities requests easier. Get those requests to AJ/Amy for next year's events
  - CRE has 462 total PTSA memberships. The District is down overall. There will be a new membership system rolling out.
  - Moving forward we may need to increase fees/dues. Vote will happen at the National level
  - Amy will be sending out a recap/reminder to membership about PTSA benefits. Watch for this to come out before end of year.
  - ISD preschool program opening in Issaquah. Tuition based.
  - L. Gilmore presentation on cultural awareness. She is available to speak to parent groups in schools
  - Upcoming Levy –a vote for this levy will cover important programs/operational expenses. There will be no tax increases (just a renewal replacing an expiring levy). Funds will support mental health, learning coaches, family services, 7 Day periods at HS, social emotional, clubs, activities and athletics. It is 15% of operating budget. Potential vote on February ballot.
  - Levy committee forming, applications due today. Operational levy is every 2 years.
- Community Survey –
  - We received responses from 4 staff members last year – 29 this year.
  - Community survey reopened thru 5/31 because we only had 30 or so responses. Incentives are being offered for classroom with highest response rate.
    - Recap of staff responses - Teachers want more funding for field trips (buses) and technology. Feel there is no need to reduce funding for anything. Top 3 choices for new things: math programs, tech subscriptions, laptops/ipads.
    - Ranking of PTSA funding high to low - Staff grants, grade level grants, arts & sciences, coyote grants

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Treasurer – Lisa Righetti**

- Interim Budget for 2019-2020 distributed and reviewed.
  - Shifts in numbers because of expectations for the upcoming year.
  - Fall fundraiser is not finalized so we start with the base number but this could change.
  - Recess support name change because we aren't sure what that will look like going forward.
  - Student incentive line item changed from staff/student incentives will support Great Kids program.
  - Staff incentives amount moved to Staff Appreciation budget.
  - Custodial grant shifted to staff grant.
  - Instructional support dropped from \$12K to \$0 because WA PTA passed a resolution that PTA should not be supporting basic education services. This could put our Non-Profit status at risk.
  - Hoping to find other materials/programs to support in lieu of this person (Salary).
  - Coyote grants budget increased.
  - Request from Chandra Polisetti for a robotics club (ran similar to math club). To be discussed at next board meeting.
- Voted to approve interim budget.

### **Programs- Tiffany Parker & Andrea Obert**

- Tiffany Parker, Darleen Baker and Andrea Obert proposed a professional art teacher program. Still in talks with Board and Tia. Cost is approx. \$20K for 4 lessons per grade level per year. This program is a progressive program that develops skills year after year. The use many art techniques and supplies. Art docents would supplement this program.
  - Breaks down to \$10 per child per lesson. Art docent work cut down at least by half. Every class would get 4 lessons. Sunny hills did program last year. Feedback was positive from experiences but funding a concern. Very different skill level than what the current art docent program offers.
  - Suggestion was made by a meeting attendee to put money into a program that the art docents can follow instead of paying an outside vendor/program.
  - ISF resources to be considered.
  - Suggestion to get more information on other options. Sandra and Darleen working to collect more info.
  - Tabled discussion because of time concerns.

### **Communications- Swati Jain**

- Social media provides daily updates - encouraged attendees to like our pages
- Howler good for upcoming month
- ENews is weekly from Tia and has school and PTSA info.

### **Community Relations – Paula Koransky**

- Staff Appreciation recap– thank you to all for support
- Bingo – tonight 179 attendees signed up. Tia and some teachers there to call numbers. Well over 100 prizes. Ok with volunteers
- Donuts with Dad June 7<sup>th</sup> – different then what 1<sup>st</sup> grade does. Please carpool or walk. Last year staff had no parking. Survey monkey to collect a headcount

### **Volunteers – Susan Ho**

- Volunteer Program Chair Thank You Gifts - targeting first week of June

- Teacher Classroom Volunteer Survey Needs - targeting first week of June

### **Fundraising – Angela Fischer**

- School Supply kits will be offered again for next school year. Using same vendor. Watch for more details to come before end of school year.
- Major Fundraising will look different next year. Our incoming VP of Fundraising has some fresh and exciting ideas. Please contact Sandra Vanderzee if you are interested in being a part of the fundraising team next year.