



CASCAD RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTSA

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General Membership Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 4, 2024 @ 6:00 PM – Cascade Ridge Library

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:20 PM, June 4, 2024, in the Cascade Ridge Library
- Attendees: Sandra Vanderzee, Ana Trager, Lauren Bartholomew, Jason Ing, Rahul Sachdeva, Meetu Sachdeva, Matthew Trager, Julia Esteve, Lisa Noble, Jay Noble, Erin Eaton, Qibo Fan, Renukka Ahhuja, Vikas Ahuja, Sarah Brown, Janet Vanderzee, Matthew Vanderzee, Janet Ramick, Michelle Moon, Travis Marshall, Chaz Rich, Danielle Dolin, Ossie Roycroft, Lori Klassen, Tracie Jones, Reggie Henley, Julianne Henley, Julie Marshall, Xiao Ma, Almudena Rodriguez, Keith Upton, Jennifer Sehlin, Chris Weber, Lorraine Butler, Freya Thukral, Sonal Gupta, Jennica Dunbar, Chezon Pacheco, Ruchi Khanna, Anna Spurway, Ankit Tyagi, Amy Jang, Angela Beade, Camalita Glover, Rebeca Fisikelli, Rachel Birchenall, Debasree Nanda, Olusolape Ajayi, Snigdha Bora, Sai Piniseti, Swetha Gadi, Elizabeth Carpenter, Nic Carpenter, Kashmira Gosavi, Radhika Sehn, Michael Carpenter, Jhel Carpenter, Liza Landry, Anshul Rampal, Ana Rivera, Maritza Verma, Mayuri Voora, Kruti Vora, Sonia Rattan, Jaipreet Rayar, Richa Chaudhary, Jessica Aguero, Shanna Collins, Aun Hussain, Sodzaya Bold, Mandakh Nyamdavaa, Leah Ludington, Pavan Kumar Korlepara, Nigar Suleman, Eliza Sanchez, Sanjay Kumar Patel, Deepak Sharma, Jonathan Spurway, Carla Geraci, Anshu Tyagi, Mukul Agarwal
- Proper meeting notice was given. Quorum was established.

President's Welcome and Introductions

- President Sandra Vanderzee welcomed all PTSA and Community members in attendance including special guests from WSPTA, Issaquah PTSA Council, and Issaquah School District.

Business

Secretary - Julia Esteve

- Vote to approve the February 15, 2024, Membership Meeting Minutes: Lisa Noble made a motion to approve. Qibo Fan seconded the motion. Majority vote yea. Motion approved.
- Vote to approve the February 26, 2024, Special Membership Meeting Minutes: Rahul Sachdeva made a motion to approve. Camalita Glover seconded the motion. Majority vote yea. Motion approved.

President - Sandra Vanderzee

Vote to approve Standing Rules Changes

- Sandra presented a suggested change to the CRE PTSA Standing Rules to modify the election requirements for our PTSA Board, so the only elected positions are the members of the Executive Committee. The change will be in effect for the officers elected for the 2024-2025 school year. Sandra read the proposed Standing Rules:
 - The amended Standing Rule #7 states: "The elected officers of this unit will include: President/Co-President and/or Executive Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additional positions may be appointed by the President/Co-Presidents and approved by the remainder of the Executive Committee (see #8), including the Director of Programs, Director of Communications, Director of Fundraising, Director of Volunteers, and Director of Community Relations."

- The amended Standing rule #10 states: “Officers of the Executive Committee shall be elected by ballot prior to the end of the fiscal year for a term of one year and until their successors are elected. Officers will assume the office on July 1st of that year. A majority vote is necessary to elect. The election may be by voice vote if only one candidate is nominated for an office.”
- Erin Eaton made a motion to approve the standing rules changes. Ana Trager seconded the motion. Majority vote yea. Motion approved.

Election of 2024-2025 CRE PTSA Officers

Sandra stated that the next item of business is the election of officers. The WSPTA Uniform Bylaws require that to be elected to office in a local PTA, a person shall be at least 18 years of age. A majority vote is necessary to elect. Elections may be by voice vote, or by ballot if more than one person is nominated.

Secretary, Julia Esteve, read aloud the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, Article 5, Section 6 “Officers and their election – local PTA and council”.

Camalita Glover, chair of the nominating committee, read aloud the report of the committee and announced that all candidates meet the requirements of the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws:

President: Rahul Sachdeva

Vice president: Camalita Glover

Treasurer: Julia Esteve

The signed report was handed to President Vanderzee and the committee was thanked for its work. President Vanderzee re-read the proposed slate of officers.

President Vanderzee asked for nominations from the floor for the office of president. Julie Marshall self-nominated for the office of president. President Vanderzee attempted to verify that Julie Marshall met the requirements of the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws. Julie Marshall purchased a Cascade Ridge PTSA membership on 5/28/24. Lauren Bartholomew, our WSPTA Region 2 representative notified the attendees that the WSPTA Membership Director, Jenn Talingo, verified that Julie Marshall did not have an active membership in the WSPTA membership directory. For a person to be elected to office in a local PTA, the person must have been a member of any local PTA for at least 15 days preceding the election, per the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws Article 5, Section 6. Since Julie Marshall’s membership date with the CRE PTSA was established less than 15 days prior to the election, she was determined ineligible for the election. Time was given for discussion. It was reported that Travis Marshall, Julie’s husband, had previously signed up for a family membership but he did not enter Julie Marshall’s name as a member at that time, which meant that she was not listed in the WSPTA membership directory. Debate ensued. Erin Eaton made a motion for a call to order. Ana Trager seconded the motion.

President Vanderzee asked for any other nominations from the floor for the office of president. Anna Spurway self-nominated for the office of president. President Vanderzee verified that Anna Spurway met the requirements of the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws. With no further nominees, President Vanderzee declared the nominations for president closed.

President Vanderzee asked for nominations from the floor for each office in turn. Meetu Sachdeva self-nominated for the office of secretary. President Vanderzee verified that Meetu Sachdeva met the requirements of the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws. With no further nominees, President Vanderzee declared the nominations closed. Non-Members were excused from the meeting prior to voting.

Lisa Noble, Travis Marshall, and Ana Trager served as the teller’s committee and a ballot election was held for president.

The results of the election were announced:

Anna Spurway: 32 votes; Rahul Sachdeva 44 votes. Rahul Sachdeva was elected president.

The nominees for vice president (Camalita Glover), treasurer (Julia Esteve), and secretary (Meetu Sachdeva) were elected by voice vote in accordance with WSPTA Bylaws Article 5 Section 6B.

Treasurer - Qibo Fan

- The PTSA has given over \$32K in direct programs and grants this year. Thank you for your donations and support.
- **Vote to approve the 2024-2025 Interim Budget**
 - The Budget was formed with the help of the Budget Committee with numbers from the March Budget.
 - Erin Eaton made a motion to approve the Budget. Tracie Jones seconded the motion. Majority vote yea. Budget Approved.

Principal Update - Jennifer Sehlin

- Jennifer expressed disappointment that many attendees didn't stay until the end of the meeting.
- Exciting events coming up next week:
 - Monday – 5th Grade Field trip, Ms. Moon is accompanying.
 - Wednesday – 5th Grade Party
 - Friday – Field Day
- Kindergarten Orientation occurred the last week of May.
- Thank you PTSA for all the programs and activities provided through PTA funding this school year.
- We hope you saw the recent E News regarding Heritage Festival – it was a great reminder of the positive school community. Our school would benefit if we can all grow and learn from this year. There is no room in our school for hate, disdain, unkind words, or racism.
- CRE Administration truly hopes that we can move forward positively from here.
- Thank you, Rahul, for taking on the role of President for the 2024-2025 school year.

President - Sandra Vanderzee

- **2023-2024 Year End Wrap Up**
 - This was a very polarizing year, but we still put out all our usual programming including Drama, Clay Projects, and the Art Docent program along with staff grants and events.
 - Paws for a Cause – a new event this year. Students engaged in service projects for the community.
 - This is Sandra's 8th and final year at Cascade Ridge. Thank you, Sandra, for all you have done for CRE.

New Business / Q&A

- Ana Trager made a motion to adopt a Code of Conduct for volunteers. Lisa seconded the motion. Ana spoke about recent interactions, emails, and posts that prompted the need for this code of conduct. The opportunity was given for discussion. Majority vote yea. Motion Approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM