



# CASCADE RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTSA

PTSA 2.6.2 • ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT • 2020 TROSSACHS BLVD SE, SAMMAMISH 98075

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, October 21, 2024 @ 6:00 PM – Cascade Ridge Library**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by PTSA President Rahul Sachdeva.

#### **Attendees:**

Rahul Sachdeva, Ruchi Khanna, Sonal Chawla Gupta, Meetu Sachdeva, Aun Hussain, Mayuri Voora, Rimjhim Jain, Kara Terek, Vineet Gupta, Claire Raphael, Leah Ludington, Qibo Fan, Divye Rawat.

---

### **President's Welcome and Introductions**

President Rahul Sachdeva welcomed all PTSA and community members in attendance. Special guests from VIS, the Issaquah PTSA Council were introduced.

---

### **Secretary's Report – Meetu Sachdeva**

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Meetu Sachdeva motioned to approve the minutes from the June 4th, 2024 membership meeting. The motion was seconded by Qibo Fan, and all voted in favor. The motion was approved.

---

### **President's Report – Rahul Sachdeva**

Rahul Sachdeva presented the proposed changes from the Washington State PTA (WAPTSA). Meetu Sachdeva motioned to approve the change, and Leah Ludington seconded. All were in favor, and the motion was approved.

- The membership fees of this unit are \$25 per family membership or \$14 per parent/guardian membership. A family membership is defined as representing 2 adult family members. Staff membership fees are at Council cost.
- 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. An officer may not serve more than two consecutive fiscal years in the same office. **An officer having served eight or more months in the same fiscal year shall be considered to have served a full year.**
- The CRE PTSA President/Co-President with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee shall appoint a Member-at-Large to assist in the organization and execution of PTSA events and initiatives, providing support where needed. This position adheres to all the rules and regulations of the CRE PTSA and Washington State PTA. Any current member of the CRE PTSA in good standing may be appointed to the Member-at-Large position. The Member-at-Large shall serve a term of one year, with the opportunity for reappointment.
- An individual's membership in the CRE PTSA may be terminated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its board of directors for conduct that may damage the value and goodwill associated with PTA, or that violates the purposes, policies, or standing rules of the CRE PTSA including the bylaws of WSPTA and National PTA. Details on the process for termination of membership are included in current WSPTA policy. The CRE PTSA shall notify the WSPTA board of directors within 5 business days if a membership has been terminated.
- The CRE PTSA may collaborate with non-PTA organizations. The PTA will handle only PTA funds and will have in place a signed contract with the other organization to clearly establish whether it is a PTA activity or the other organization's activity. This PTA will not be a fiscal agent, fiscal sponsor, or sign a sponsorship or charter agreement with any outside organization or agency.

### **Mission and Goals:**

Rahul Sachdeva proposed the PTSA's mission and goals for 2024-2025. A motion to approve was made by Meetu Sachdeva, seconded by Leah Ludington, and The motion was approved.

---

### **Treasurer's Report – Sonal Chawla Gupta**

Sonal presented the proposed budget for approval. Qibo Fan motioned to approve the budget, seconded by Leah Ludington, and all were in favor. The budget was approved.

---

## **VIS Speaker – Dr. Harlan Gallinger**

Dr. Harlan Gallinger spoke on the upcoming bond resolution on the November ballot. Key topics included:

- Safety and security improvements.
  - Modernization of school buildings.
  - Support for athletics and extracurricular activities.
  - Financial implications of the bond.
  - Opportunities for community members to learn more and show their support.
- 

## **Principal's Update – Jennifer Sehlin**

Principal Sehlin provided updates on upcoming events:

- **Community Meeting:** November 1, 9:30 – 10:30 AM.
  - **Fall Classroom Parties:** November 1–8.
  - **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** November 12–13.
- 

## **Communications Report – Sonal Chawla Gupta**

Sonal welcomed all board members and outlined her responsibilities, which include managing:

- PTSA WhatsApp group,
- Social media (Instagram and Facebook),
- Reader Board,
- Room Coordinator communications.

As of October 21, 2024, 201 members have joined the PTSA.

---

## **Volunteers Report – Ruchi Khanna**

Ruchi encouraged parents to visit the PTSA website to sign up for volunteer opportunities. Current needs include:

- Art Docents,
- Room Coordinators.

### **Trunk or Treat Event:**

- Additional trunk volunteers and candy distributors are needed.
- The event has received a positive response with more sign-ups expected.

### **Fundraiser Update:**

- The fundraiser raised \$27,000, with more expected from Benevity and company matching programs.
  - Additional volunteers are needed for Committee Chair positions.
- 

## **Treasurer Nomination**

Aun Hussain nominated himself for the open Treasurer position. Qibo Fan motioned to approve the nomination, seconded by Claire Raphael. All were in favor, and Aun Hussain was confirmed as Treasurer.

---

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.