

PTA General Membership Meeting

March 13, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

PTA President Kristen Sheeran called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved without opposition. These can be found on BigTent at http://www.bigtent.com/usr/files/76209269_2_00_PTAMinutes021313.doc

REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The March treasurer's report was presented and is available at http://www.bigtent.com/usr/files/76657308_2_00_ACCESS_PTA_Treasurer_s_report_March_7_2013.pdf
 - The Give! Campaign is at about 70% of target (target 50% participation at \$100/child). The main expense category, teacher reimbursements, is currently at about 50% of the budgeted amount.
 - The cost for the 8th Grade Promotion Field Trip will significantly exceed the budgeted amount because the class this year is much larger (estimated ~\$380 compared to a budget of \$255).
 - A motion to increase the 8th Grade Field Trip budget by an amount sufficient to cover all attending students was passed without opposition.**
 - Jonathan Dubay has arranged a restaurant fundraiser at the NE location of Pastini on May 13th or 14th. Pastini will donate 50% of their profit if diners mention ACCESS. We will be allowed to have a display promoting ACCESS, but are not allowed to have individuals present at or near the restaurant to promote the fundraiser. Based on discussion during the meeting, the following conclusions were reached:
 - The fundraiser will support the Textbook line-item.
 - Jonathan will request a NW location be added to the fundraiser.
 - The fundraiser will be held on May 14th, the same day as the Science Night social activity. We will try to use take-out meals purchased for Science Night to provide additional support for the fundraiser.

Social Activities

Judy Berck has made reservations for the annual summer picnic at Wilshire Park on 8/18/2013. Cost for the reservations for this year and last year's picnics will be \$200 from the Social Activity Budget. Please contact Judy if you can help with organizing the picnic.

Sarah Kennedy-Adams is organizing a school-wide talent show on May 22nd. There will be a performance at 2 pm for the school, and a performance at 6:30 for families. Auditions will be on April 8-9 during choir and wellness.

The next Social Event will be off-campus on April 16th. Any suggestions for activities or locations would be welcomed and should be passed on to david.fikstad@gmail.com.

Political—Michael Kubler

Michael testified at the House Education Committee hearing for HB2877 in Salem on March 11th (Margaret deLacey, Steve Price, and the bill's sponsor, Representative Parrish, also testified). This bill would provide per capita funding for each TAG identified student. Michael estimates that were it passed it would provide approximately \$60-\$90k additional funding for ACCESS. The bill was passed out of committee unanimously, but Michael believes there were significant reservations on the part of the committee members. The revenue and ways and means committees must pass the bill before it will come to a vote in the House.

- A question was raised regarding whether HB2877 was in part a response to the Oregon Department of Education TAG task force recent release of a negative report on TAG education. Michael believes they are unrelated.

Michael attended the March 12th meeting of OTAG, on which Teresa Bushnell is a member. They noted that attendance was much larger than usual (about 20-30, compared to ~6 typically) and was noticeably hostile to ACCESS. Kimberly Matier, Director of TAG Services, presented on a new model for TAG services. Michael characterized it primarily as an attempt to dismantle all remaining TAG support, relying instead on differentiated instruction in the classrooms. He questions whether the expectations for differentiated instruction are realistic in our current funding environment with extremely large classes.

- A question was raised regarding how much money the district spends on testing for TAG identification relative to the amount it spends on providing services to the students who are TAG identified.

Michael is also joining the High School Action Group, and will provide additional information about their activities in the future.

ACCESS MOVE NEWS

Kristen relayed the following information from Principal Bagby:

- ACCESS will not be a Sabin next year.
- The Facilities Committee meets every Monday and finding a new location for ACCESS is the top of their agenda.
- This work includes visits by Principal Bagby to actual sites under consideration.
- A leading contender for a possible location at this point is Rose City Park. One advantage of this location, currently closed, is that it may be large enough to allow co-location of two small programs or to allow location of ACCESS as well as acting as a swing site for schools that are under construction. However, Principal Bagby cautioned everyone not to pack our bags, buy a house in a new neighborhood, etc. as no decision has yet been made.

It was suggested that people consider issues that will need to be addressed as soon as a site is identified. Two mentioned during this meeting were:

- Potential loss of before and after-school care, currently provided by Peninsula or SUN.
- Institution of an active site council.

Meeting adjourned at 8.