

PTA General Membership Meeting

April 10, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

PTA President Kristen Sheeran called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved without opposition. These can be found on BigTent at http://www.bigtent.com/usr/files/76941150_2_00_PTAMinutes031313.doc

REPORTS

Political—Michael Kubler

The TAG bill, HB2877, is still alive in the Oregon Legislature. It will likely be reviewed in additional committees soon.

Michael attended the April 9th meeting of the TAG advisory council, and felt it was very similar to the meeting reviewed in the March minutes.

Social Activities

Judy Berck is leading the planning for the summer picnic on 8/18/2013 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. She plans to relocate the picnic to the new location of ACCESS if possible.

Science Night volunteers are needed for May 14th. We could use help both the day of the event and in advance of the event for planning and ideas.

ACCESS Relocation—Principal Bagby

The district plans to hold an informational meeting with Carl Logan and other district personnel on April 16th, and plans to announce a location prior this meeting.

The district has asked Principal Bagby to pass on their commendation to the ACCESS community for their positive attitude throughout this process and for their concern for the interests of children throughout the district.

Several questions were raised regarding the location, which had not yet been publically disclosed:

- There will be from for growth.
- Facilities is primarily responsible for any maintenance or refurbishing, but Principal Bagby may be able to coordinate parent work as well. There was particular interest in organizing some work on the day of the summer picnic.
- Admissions decisions should be available in early May.
- Feedback regarding class blends should be directed to Principal Bagby.
- District staffing numbers will come out on April 15th, they are likely to be similar to current numbers, though the art tax may provide additional staffing for art.
- The best thing the PTA can do is continue their current support, particularly for the ACCESS teachers.

The membership discussed what issues or questions might be high priorities when we meet with district representatives on April 16th regarding the new location:

- Transportation
- Child care options before school and after school
- Community building opportunities with the co-locating school or program.

- If projected growth for ACCESS is not sufficient to meet the needs of children who qualify, what does the district plan to do to help children in their neighborhood schools.
- Advocating for ACCESS as the epicenter for pioneering TAG education throughout the district.
- **Elections**

Elections for executive committee positions will be held next month, multiple positions will be available.

There is also interest in having the PTA elect parent representatives to the site council next year.

- **Foundation**

The ACCESS foundation has multiple positions that need to be filled, including president and treasurer positions, which require quite minimal effort, and operations, events, and procurement positions, which require more work. Please contact Pamela Kislak if you are interested.

It was suggested that ACCESS may want to adopt Sabin's current strategy of designating one grade as responsible for the auction. It is felt that the best choice for this would be the 4th/5th grade families.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The April 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](#)

- Jonathan Dubay has arranged a restaurant fundraiser at the NE and NW locations of Pastini on May 14th. Pastini will donate 50% of their profit if diners mention ACCESS. We will arrange for sales of food from Pastini on Science Night, probably both through pre-orders and onsite.
- Staccato Gelato was contacted regarding a restaurant fundraiser for the last day of school, but declined. They may be interested in a different date.
- Contributions are still lower than the same time last year, and several conclusions were reached during a discussion of strategies to cope with this:
 - The PTA could really use a fundraising chair to oversee all fundraising and to follow-up on fundraising ideas.
 - The PTA needs to communicate to parents what the PTA donations are used for and how they differ from those to the Foundation through the auction.
 - We may need to simply reduce the budget in light of the new contribution levels.
 - We should promote the Give! campaign at events such as social activities, the new parent orientation on June 5th, or the summer picnic.

Meeting adjourned at 8.