

ACCESS PTA

General Membership Meeting

April 19, 2012 (There were not enough members present at March meeting to hold a meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Kubler called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

- **Eryn Bagby:** In light of the recent PPS revised budget, Access has been told to cut .66 FTE. After going over all staffing alternatives, Eryn felt compelled to (regretfully) cut Christopher Lamp (.25) and our use of the librarian (.5). Eryn Bagby would like to creatively fill the holes created by these absences. She is especially interested in filling the missing “special” hole for the 1st to the 5th grades. There are some funds through the foundation that can be used. There is also the possibility of using parent volunteers to assist in the classroom. Additionally, Eryn has some earmarked funds she may be able to use.
- **Eryn Bagby:** Access is staffed at a ratio of 1:26, which is the same as the middle school standard across the district. Spanish will remain for the middle school, but perhaps not for 6th grade. Eryn is hoping that through creative planning and use of funds, we may be able to offer a “special” for the middle school. The District has not lost any of its support for Access. Sue Ann Higgins has fought and continues to fight for Access.
- **Eryn Bagby:** Access is slated to stay at 200 students and remain at Sabin for the 2012-2013 school year.
- **Brainstorm discussion** of various options/opportunities to minimize the impact of the budget cuts. Of the options discussed, there is less interest in motivating as a PTA to talk to the PPS School Board for a variety of reasons, one of which is that there is general consensus that the school board has a budget that they are doing the best they can to meet. There is considerable support for an “Advocacy Committee.” Michael Kubler has volunteered to be the leader of this committee.
- **Short Term Issue:** Can we/do we as an Access parent body try to fix in the short term the budget hole for next year with some type of stopgap funding for the lost art/librarian? If we opt for a “program” – i.e., a music program that is brought in by an outside source, this must be paid for by the PTA, and only the PTA. If we want to bring in a staff person (half or full time), this must be paid for by the Foundation, and only the Foundation (only the Foundation by way of the principal, can pay for an FTE).
- **Long Term Issue:** Do we work for long-term change?
- **Next month** we need to start working on the budget for next year. We are going to be having our own very difficult budget discussions. We really need a good turnout at this next meeting. We are going to be making cuts because we need to fund at the level that we raised this year, and there is less money than there has been in the past.

- **The Give Campaign:** We budgeted \$10,000 for this year from the Give Campaign (which assumes 100 families each give \$100). We have raised \$8,900.
- **Michael Kubler:** (1) we have had a history of attendance problems at Access, so thank you all for attending this evening; (2) when we talk about fundraising we need to recognize that we are currently 25% behind on fundraising (although perhaps some of this is due to splitting some of the fundraising with the Foundation – both are wonderful areas to put our funds); (3) we would like to decide as a body where our funds are best used; (4) we have a few grants that we can and should use – technology is one.
- **Michael Kubler:** Do we want, as a PTA, to say something in writing to the District about how budget cuts are being made? Should we create a committee to work with State PTA to talk to Salem? Brainstorming and discussion re: this issue.
- **Motion:** Motion that the PTA communicate with the Access parent body to suggest that uncollected Give Campaign funds be contributed (i.e., ask those families who have not yet contributed to the Give Campaign to do so if possible). Seconded. Passed unanimously. Michael Kubler has generously volunteered to take care of this task.
- **Motion:** To form an Advocacy Committee, and appoint Michael Kubler to be in charge of the Advocacy Committee. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from February 2012 PTA General Membership Meeting. Seconded.
Minutes from February 2012 PTA General Membership Meeting approved unanimously. (There were not enough members present at March meeting to hold a meeting.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Copy of the Profit & Loss v. Budget is presented. Balance sheet is presented. Budgeted amount for Auction Raffle Proceeds is \$580, which is under budget (we budgeted \$1000).

We are currently in good standing with Oregon PTA and National PTA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ **Social Committee:** Science Night May is 15; the Last Middle School Dance is May 25 and 5th graders are invited!; May 30th is 6th Grade Greek Play and Music Performance.
- ❖ **Teacher Appreciation Week is first week of May:** David needs ideas and help. Eryn will do a lunch one day – the Friday of the week.
- ❖ **Membership Committee:** There are currently 79 PTA members.
- ❖ **Volunteers for Dance:** It is really wonderful to have volunteers for the Middle School dance who do not have middle school students. Please help with this very fun event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.