

ACCESS Academy
PTA Meeting Notes
7PM PT – Oct 16, 2008

Attendees

PTA Board: Kim Grimme, Sara Rice, Kaarin Smith
Kristine Shmakov, Kimche Tran, Brigit Koehler, Debra Clemons, Betriz Ramos, Julie Hauser, Gail Shaloum, Jill Lewis, Steve Friedman, Philip Graham, Laura Mundorff

Call to order

-Called to order 7:04PM

Secretary's Report

Meeting notes are posted (posted on PTA board and on Bigtents)

- **Motion: To approve the meetings notes from 09/11**
 - ✓ Motion passed

Thank you to outgoing board

-Thank you to the board (no past board members at previous meeting)

Bookfair

- Thanks to Charles for his help (and with sandwich boards)
- Comment about the security guard
- Powell's does the same type of fund raiser

Treasurer's Report

- September financial activities
- PTA from last year has \$5K
- Expenses: \$34 bank fees
- Budget can be amended; it is a working document
- Total program expenses: \$13,275
- Technology bundle: \$2K (laptop/document camera/printer)
- \$700/teacher includes: field trips and other minor classroom expenses
 - Teachers submit a expense request
 - All teachers' expenses are carefully tracked
 - Teachers can requests grants independently
 - How do we get teacher awareness for grants: teachers know about grants

Vote on Budget

- **Motion: To approve budget**
 - ✓ Motion passed
- **Motion: To approve \$100 for community service**
 - ✓ Motion passed

-Stipulations

- Games: request from families first before purchasing any
- Laminator (est \$250-600): request from families first
- Post these requests on Bigtents first

Fund Drive

- As of 10/15 we were up to 44 families and \$8K
- At a minimum requesting that families at least donate enough to cover their own child's expenses

Teacher's Support Committee

- Monthly teacher appreciation lunches
- This month's are taken care of

Social Committee

- No one to head
- Goal was to have a social event after school (soccer/karaoke/boardgames)

Communications Committee

- Liz is working very hard to get the directory information up to date
- Go into Bigtent and make sure your information is correct (address/phone/class information)
- If your information is complete on Bigtent the assumption is that you want to be included in the directory
- Electronic copy will be available before go to print

New Business

1. Ms. Halliburton had a substitute that fell down the ramp and said that she was going to tell the teacher's union.
 - Ramp is being covered up by lost and found
 - Suggestion to tape-off edges of ramp for visibility
3. Knowledge of which families are in specific businesses so we can tap them first. Can we get a list: post something on Bigtents
7. Lack of art
 - Run for the arts monies go into a pool - and we can select something from the MetroArt's catalogues
 - Looking at a student teacher who could teach art
 - Lisa Gronset (PSU art professor): looking at potentially getting one of her students
 - We have a foundation account - we can potentially tap this foundation account in the future for an FTE
 - Sun School: late starting
8. Community Group: This Saturday at 1PM at FreeGeek
9. Open Bigtent to the highschool-age families?
 - Potentially have a 'vistor's pass' for bigtents and provide feedback about the highschool
 - **Motion: To approve only allowing paid PTA members and active families**
 - ✓ Motion passed
10. Chinook books: \$20 each
11. Esrip: Carol Drought wants volunteer for this
 - Password: gives you reports
 - Who gets the log-in password: Kaarin

Next meeting date and time

- TAG Presentation has to be delivered on 11/13 6:30PM
- November PTA meeting will be 11/13 7PM

Meeting adjourned: 8:25PM