

## PTA

General Membership Meeting  
November 17, 2011

### CALL TO ORDER

PTA Vice-President Kristen Sheeran called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.  
David Fikstad was substituting for Jen Holcomb, Secretary, and took the minutes.

### Review of the Minutes

The minutes for October 20, 2011 were reviewed and approved for inclusion in the record.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Jonathan Dubay gave the Treasurer's Report. With regard to income, the Give! campaign has reached \$7,900 of its \$10,000 target. Chinook book sales are within \$60 of target.

The biggest expense was Lego Robotics. There was a discussion of reimbursement procedures for Lego Robotics. When coaches are reimbursed for capital items, such as the Lego Robots, these items are then owned by the PTA. Jonathan intends to then gift these to the school, so that they will be instead owned by the school. He has been informed by the State PTA that in order to gift items to the school, a "hold-harmless" agreement must be completed and approved by the School Board. Principal Bagby has indicated that this is not necessary.

Funding for Lego Robotics is from a program at Intel, which provides funds to the school based on the number of volunteer hours put in by Intel employees at the school. These funds are ear-marked for Lego Robotics, chess club, and other math/science related activities. Current Intel donations are \$2,690.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Bagby was unable to present due to Parent-Teacher Conferences.

### REPORTS

**Social Activities:** First middle school dance, the Vampire Ball, and the first family activity, Game Night, were just completed. Next events are the Book Fair in November and Movie Night in February.

**Membership (Jonathan substituting):** PTA has received 70 memberships so far.

**Auction:** Auction funds have been put to use for an additional math teacher, as well as 2 tutors who rotate between classes. Advertising for the next auction will begin shortly. A parent has been identified for class projects for all grades except 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Review of the Minutes

The minutes for February 17, 2011 and March 17, 2011 were reviewed and approved for inclusion in the record.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Standing Rules:** Two changes to the standing rules were discussed.

- 1. Motion to change the description of the Officers amended to incorporate language permitting sharing of duties and responsibilities between two people for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. (Seconded and passed with 1 abstention)**
- 2. Motion to change the statement of annual dues to \$10/person with \$9.50 going to Oregon PTA. (Seconded and passed with 1 abstention)**

**Other:** Judy Brennan spoke at the Sabin Principal's coffee on November 16<sup>th</sup> regarding the potential boundary changes and grade reconfiguration for Sabin. She indicated that when the new recommendations to the

Superintendent come out they will include an option that keeps Sabin a K-8 and an option that changes Sabin to a K-5. School Board vote on this matter is expected in January. [Note: These recommendations were released on 11/18/11, details can be found at <http://www.njohnson.com/sabin-parents/> or at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/enrollment-transfer/enrollment-balancing.htm>.]

Principal Bagby, Michael Kubler, and Pamela Kislak have been meeting with Sue Ann Higgins regarding potential changes to Access, including the possibility of increasing the size of Access. Part of this process includes the community survey discussed in more detail One of the matters under discussion is including a letter about Access in the materials sent to all students who have scores that would qualify them for Access in district TAG testing. They are optimistic that the district will approve this change.

A question was raised about whether the district would be considering changes to the other alternative education criteria that Access students must meet beyond performance on normed tests. Such a change is not being contemplated.

A question was raised regarding whether there is a significant amount of attrition in Access students. Anecdotally, based on the experience of those present, the attrition rate does not seem to be high.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- Jonathan Dubay, Treasurer, mentioned that eScrip represents a source of funding that could probably be increased with promotion. He is looking for a volunteer who would be interested in taking on the task of promoting it.
- Michael Kubler, President, who was unable to attend the meeting, passed on the following announcement:

Hello! We are gathering information from the Access Community to get a snapshot of some of the opinions regarding our school as well as thoughts on the future. The answers will be shared with the school and the district to help inform the discussion regarding the evolution of the program. Note, your identity is not collected in this form but your answers will be shared with the community anonymously. Please take 5 minutes to add your voice to this ongoing conversation!

The form can be found at: <http://goo.gl/4kNmV>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.