

ACCESS Academy PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 7 pm to 8:30 pm
BESC, 501 N Dixon, Portland, Oregon

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Meeting called to order by ACCESS President Kurt Kemmerer at 7:01 pm. The attendees introduced themselves.

ATTENDANCE: 12 people signed the attendance list, 12 of whom were PTA members for the 2019-2020 year. 6 voting members constitute a quorum for a General Membership Meeting.

Approvals

Minutes of 10/16/19 General ACCESS Academy PTA Meeting approved as written.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1KRDZ2Oc2X6WkHkq84h2TZrt02b0FmLLwodd2fh0X7AI>

Approve Audit Report:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1qeTSApwMChi9tvsTRs0w6qncfPRL3aCW>

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=16oRxCmaYeukjSxsRPJRA6FJgRFbRsNrg>

Phoebe moved to approve the audit report as written; motion **PASSED**.

Treasurer's Report - Jennifer Rabby, treasurer

Treasurer's Report Year to Date

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1y60fZu7M8CSJ97X0R9Ij0HGDOKDCF7W7>

Brief highlights:

Exceeded expectations for Run for ACCESS

Teachers are spending their classroom funds.

Budget amendment for chess club and math club

PTA had hoped chess club would be taken under school administration, but was not able to be. PTA will continue to administer chess club.

MOTION: PTA will amend extracurricular line item to "extracurricular: chess" and increase both income and expense for this line item by \$11,000. Moved by Jennifer Rabby, seconded by Tanya Awabdy. Motion **PASSED**.

MOTION: PTA will add a budget line item of "extracurricular: math" with income and expenses of \$600. Moved by Jennifer Rabby, seconded by Kathy Martin. Motion **PASSED**.

Grant applications

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zJt4ojcPuPIM9NKkwzU6Uk4Uup2UvpAW>

Given that we raised \$2000 over our goal of \$10,000 for Run for ACCESS funding, and that part of the purpose of the RFA was to support field trips, could fund some of the requested grants

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from RFA to fulfill grant requests from that source. Also looked at using PE or Classroom Fund line item for some items, and Student Aid/Equity for Oregon Trail Scholarships. Plan to allocate \$595 + \$952 for calculators, which have recently gone on sale for \$90 each. Could amend the grant line item to increase grant allocation by \$720 to fund all the calculators requested.

Motion: to amend the Grant Line item to \$3800. Moved by Kathy Martin, seconded by Tanya Awabdy. Motion **PASSED**.

PTA has scholarships for all student activities. DEI committee has sent suggested language to all teachers to include information about scholarship availability.

Foundation Report - Rob Coury, Foundation President

Facebook and Email communication introducing Rob Coury as new Foundation President and Jane Snyder as new Foundation Treasurer. A small subset of families of 100 responded to the survey, equally split between keep the auction, get rid of the auction, or try something completely new. Much interest in maintaining the skate party. Skate Party requires an adult event for Oaks Park to allow to proceed. Moving forward with the "Unauction" since the auction has been making less money over the past few years. Turning it into a social event with an ask, which will be based on what is needed to spend on staffing. Foundation funds school staffing only: FTEs. Often Foundation Funds are used to round up partial positions (such as .6) to a full position. In March we should know the goal of the event to support the needed FTEs. If new plan fails, Foundation has maintained the slots and names, and can go back to the auction again in future years. The band from last year has volunteered again. By getting rid of the auctioneer, getting rid of the tables to display items, the cost of the event has decreased by over half. The first \$10,000 after expenses Foundation keeps; after that we keep $\frac{2}{3}$ of funds raised, with remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ going to the Equity Fund. Even with new "Fund for PPS" instead of All Hands Raised administration, same financial structure. Will probably pay for auction software even though won't use much because will need for online sales. No classroom art projects expected this year as of this current iteration of the plan (subject to change). If there is still run for a gift card table, many restaurants would be happy to donate gift cards. Heather Leon volunteers to help solicit gift cards.

Announcements:

Sponsorships: Your business can donate to sponsor ACCESS PTA.

We are working on restoring shed at Lane to store PTA items.

Foundation has shared items (such as easels) in case we need them.

Art Curriculum Integration Sub-Committee: members needed

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Read-a-thon Update/Committee members needed to help plan for this fundraiser celebrating literacy the last 2 weeks of January. Hope to have author Rosanne Parry (A Wolf Called Wander) and Alexandra Diaz (The Only Road, OBOB selection) present workshops.

Donate Food and/or Funds for Teacher Appreciation during Conferences: \$50 are already donated

Dine Out on 12/9 and 12/10 at Pastini's on Division; near OMSI for the TAG event.

Wednesday 12/11, 6:30-8:30, Parent University: How to Advocate for Public School SpEd Services for your Gifted Student with Learning Differences (location TBA)

3rd grade parent Khela Singer volunteered to be the Community Service coordinator.

- **Adjournment** – 8:08 p.m.

Upcoming Events: NOTE: December 2019 PTA Meeting is canceled

(see online/subscribe to calendar: <https://www.pps.net/Page/9147#calendar12598/20190408/month>)

11/21, 5:30-6:30: Middle School Information Meeting/Open House, ACCESS@Lane

11/25: Parent-Teacher Conferences

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12/9, 11:30 am - 9 pm: Dine Out, Pastini (2027 SE Division)

12/9, 6-8 pm, TAG OMSI Family Night

12/10, 8:45-9:45, Principal Coffee, ACCESS@Lane

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12/13, 6:30-8:30: Middle School Social, ACCESS@Lane

12/19, 7:30-9 pm, DEI Book Discussion (Washington Black by Esi Edugyan)

1/14, 8:45-9:45 am, Principal Coffee, ACCESS@Lane

1/15, 7-8:30, PTA Meeting, BESC

1/16, 5-9 pm, Dine Out, Queen of Sheba