

**ACCESS Academy PTA General Membership Meeting**  
**Monday, November 5, 2018, 7 pm to 8:30 pm**  
**BESC Building, 501 N Dixon, Portland, OR**

Meeting Called to Order by ACCESS PTA President Kurt Kemmerer at 7:00 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:** 20 people signed the attendance list, 16 of whom were PTA members for the 2018-2019 year. 6 voting members constitute a quorum for a General Membership Meeting.

All attendees introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion** to approve minutes from 10/17/18 General Meeting. Phoebe Shen moved, Heidi Owen seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Tabled discussion of DEI inclusion recommendation for 8th grade trip for circulation and distribution at next PTA meeting.

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**MOTION:** Phoebe Shen moved, Seana Lane seconded approval of Standing Rules. **PASSED** unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** by Sally Maltman

Financial Review

- Give Campaign info should be distributed in next few weeks.
- Chrome books will be ordered soon.

Budget Amendments

**MOTION:** Sally Maltman moved, Phoebe Shen seconded motion for following budget amendments. **PASSED** unanimously.

- Increase budget for SpEd teacher at Vestal to \$500
  - Additional half time SpEd teacher added at Vestal.
- New 'Technology' line item: \$200 subscription to NoodleTools (online platform promoting research and original writing) for middle school
- New line item: Designated donations for AMC-8 math competition
- New line item: Designated donation for field trip for grades 4&5
- Update names of teachers for positions filled

5th grade leadership opportunities: Discussion of opportunities for 5th graders to take more leadership given they are the oldest in the classroom. One idea is reading buddies. Will table for further discussion at next meeting.

**Assistance requested** by Kurt Kemmerer:

Assistance/coordination for Teacher Conference Meals. Need a coordinator to organize one meal each day at each site. Recommended lunch. Asking for help for conferences for ordering and delivering meals catered from restaurants. Approximately 15-20 teachers/staff per site. Right now have \$800 budget for staff appreciation. Tanya Schaefer can do staff appreciation, but is not available for conferences.

Could benefit from staff appreciation being scheduled regularly and at a time when staff are all together. There are shared staff meetings scheduled occasionally, but not regularly. For instance, the staff meeting before the holiday break might be a good opportunity for shared staff appreciation.

Game Club at Lane: solicit coordinator to explore: initial thoughts are one day at Lane, exploring when, how many students and parents, transportation. Perhaps a survey could be carried out. Question of whether a central location would be helpful; just as easy to request a room at a central location. Seana Lane is willing to do the survey and send out through principal's newsletter.

**AAC Report** by JaneAnne Peterson

Minutes were only sent via FaceBook; Principal and Vice Principal will review and send out via email to the whole school community.

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Yvonne Curtis and Keeley Simpson left 30 minutes into meeting; Linda Smith remained but with no power to make changes/decisions.

2-3 year split now looking like 3 year minimum. The district representatives were unwilling to talk about buildings/reunification at all. No institutional memory of promises made in the past by district. Everything else they want to handle between Krista and the parents without district being involved. Essentially they want to turn it into the Site Council. There will be working groups on specific issues such as enrollment. There is a follow up meeting about enrollment set up already, including AAC, TAGAC and other relevant groups. Another issue which could be addressed would be high school credit for ACCESS students. There is concern that a smaller group would not represent all voices. History of ACCESS demonstrates that length of time

estimated at a site ends up being much much longer. AAC wants district commitment to maintain staffing as well: lower enrollment could lead to future staffing cuts.

**Update from DEI Committee** by Lina Reiss.

Active email list. Also involved in enrollment and outreach issue, including how to reach out to minority and underrepresented populations. Met with principals regarding these ideas. Several DEI members are interested in being involved in enrollment AAC subcommittee. Other ideas for inclusion and equity, such as making events more inclusive by taking fees out. Researching Social Justice curriculums, at Vestal and middle school, for possible incorporation at ACCESS. Educate with author visit from Renée Watson by reserving funds from Run for the Arts (\$1600 for both schools inclusive). Researching other author visits for this year. May have educational speaker on Japanese internment from local perspective. May also have a movie viewing of a diversity-related film. May link to community events of diverse movies/events in the Portland area.

**Update from Scrip Coordinator** by Seana Lane

New SCRIP program is up and running. It all goes through a smart phone. Recognize the equity issue, but this also allows you to purchase in the moment rather than up front in the beginning of the month. Allows you to purchase at national retailers, as well as hotels and SouthWest Airlines and Amazon. Parents can buy Amazon scrip (2%) and then also use that scrip on Amazon Smile (.05%). Also means children don't have to carry large amounts of cash equivalent home in backpacks. Benefit App: Beneficiaries: Non-Profits: ACCESS PTA.

**Principal's announcements and updates** by Krista Blovad and David Jamieson

- Day 2 of permanent PE teacher at Vestal. Hiring is finished at Vestal.
- AMC-8 math test is covered for all interested students.
- Movie Night on Tuesday, 11/13 at 6 pm at Vestal: National Geographic Film called "Science Fair."
- Conferences online sign-up for ACCESS@Lane is working well.
- Conferences at Vestal similar to how they were scheduled in the past.
- Math conferences for elementary students: last year possible pushback from teachers regarding math conferences, so offered reluctantly on another day. In future expect to have homeroom and elementary math conferences on conference day. So for this year, principals will ask for all teachers to share their current schedules with principals, and then share with community the open spots for math conferences.
- Chess Club Update: reached out to district, and can get the non-profit room rate as long as it goes through PTA, so will be moving forward on establishing Chess Club.

- PE at Lane: we are starting shared PE with Lane for 4th and 5th periods. 3rd period for 6th grade is Health this semester in Mr. Lanners' room (thank you Mr. Lanners). The teacher has been staggering the health and PE days so they are at the same point for this year. Only a one quarter district requirement for PE in middle school. Will try to rearrange schedule for next quarter that 7th grade will have health in 3rd period instead of 6th grade (move to 4th period). In 4th quarter swap 8th with 7th.
- Will the school be able to afford 20 additional chromebooks to go with PTA donation? Question of chromebooks versus the stationary desktops in the technology room. Plan to get 21 mobile chromebook cart immediately, and take the 30 desktops in that room and disperse to Vestal.
- CY1 math on stage at Vestal; have purchased a very large monitor and rolling stand and apple TV and can work from her computer and link to her monitor.

### **No new business**

### **Announcements /Other**

- Movie Night "Science Fair" on Tuesday, 11/13 at 6 pm at Vestal.
- Dine Out next Monday and Tuesday night at Broadway Pastini. Identify as ACCESS.
- Trivia Night 11/15 from 6-8 at Hollywood Senior Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.