

**ACCESS Academy PTA General Membership Meeting**  
**Monday, December 12, 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:** 9 people signed the attendance list, 7 of whom were PTA members for the 2018-2019 year. 6 voting members constitute a quorum for a General Membership Meeting.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion** to approve minutes from 11/5/18 General Meeting.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14EkhTYIMfjUNHMSSPM71IMx4RrMW6D61oH4YRxpOzD4/edit?usp=sharing>

Phoebe Shen moved, Kinnari Shah seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

**MOTION** to approve the DEI inclusion recommendations for 8th grade trip.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19CN9vQRjfO8mxM4uCVdlEzfNz5vZFO9eZNdM-CkWYfE/edit?usp=sharing>

These guidelines were presented by Lina Reiss, chair of PTA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee.

Phoebe Shen moved, Sally Maltman seconded. **Motion approved unanimously.**

- **Treasurer's Report - Sally Maltman (15 minutes)**

**Financial Review**

\$21206.68 assets as of yesterday

GIVE campaign has brought in \$5000 at this point, budgeted for \$8500. This is from 29 individual donations. We are behind where we were last year, but also started later this year.

Helping Hands Fundraiser also started; so far 5 families have contributed a total of \$500. This is much lower than previous year when received \$3000. We will send out an email to school via MSA.

SCRIP: so far we have earned over \$40 through new SCRIP provider.

Expenses: we have had some big expenses for science lab needs; Dr. Garcia ordered oxygen and carbon dioxide sensor.

Middle school dance donations came in.

Some staff appreciation spending for meals for conferences.

Teachers are spending; Ms. Sterry spent her whole \$500 on self-regulation tools distributed throughout the classrooms.

AMC-8 math financing went through PTA this year, costs were covered.

AMC-10 early bird registration is in January 8. The school needs someone to organize it; the count was off for AMC-8 and was a little more hectic than would be ideal. *Need volunteer to send out an update to collect information of who is interested and give final count to Krista before deadline. Kinnari will recruit parent coordinator. School will pay.*

We will add book fair to “other income.”

### **Budget Amendment**

**MOTION:** to add a line item for extracurricular activities with income and expenses of \$2700.

Sally Maltman moved, and Phoebe Shen’s seconded. Passed Unanimously.

This is for chess club; there is a new coach, room fee, snacks, subscription fees etc. Participants will be asked to contribute to cover these costs (with scholarships available for students who need).

### **Approval of 2017-2018 Audit**

**MOTION:** to approve the audit report of 2017-2018, report dated November 30, 2018.

Sally Maltman moved, Phoebe Shen seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Highlights of audit: include financial information in minutes; cut off dates for treasurer reports end of month (this recommendation declined by treasurer with input from ORegon PTA); m

### **Read-a-thon**

Phoebe Shen reported we plan a 2 week read-a-thon at the end of January/early February. This is designed to be a celebration of literacy, as well as fundraiser similar to Run for the Arts, in which students will solicit pledges (either a flat donation or per reading session) for their reading over a 2 week period. They will track every 30 minutes of reading on a bookmark. Grades will compete against one another for cumulative reading during the 2 weeks: each day students can show their updated bookmark to their teacher for a chance to enter a raffle, as well as collect beans representing each reading session, which will be collected in vases displayed in the common areas of the school. The raffle will be for small prizes during the 2 week period. There will be a poetry slam one evening at the Hollywood Senior Center, and a “read-in” after school at Vestal, where students can read in pajamas (pajama day at school), as well as a free-write corner, drama corner, comic corner. At the end of the 2 weeks, students will turn in completed book marks, as well as collected donations (there will be an online donation collection platform also). Prizes will be given to classes for the most per student reading sessions, as well as most pledge forms by deadline. Very interested in volunteers to help with any of this project.

### **Principal’s announcements and updates – Krista Blovad, David Jamieson**

Met today with Keeley and Linda to go over enrollment numbers for next year with the goal that we would maintain current FTE. For next year, we are lookin at:1

1-2: 12-12 (24 total)

3: (cautious due to divider and if permanent wall is in place; new sound barrier ordered hopefully to arrive by winter break) 2 classes of 20 (40 total)

4: 50 total

5: 50 total

6: 60 total

7: 60 total

8: 60 total

Looking at possibility of mid-year transfer if a hardship or other need as happens at other schools.

Do we currently have a wait list? No, only wait list was in 1-2nd grade.

What will happen this year which will attract people and make application process work?

Good publicity.

Linda contacted 5 of the female students who declined; part of their reason was bad publicity from what happened last year. Sharing positives of the program can help. That is a community effort. Having the family tours will help. They are during the day right now when school is in session. Will consider evening session if there is need/demand. Inviting parents to talk, and also having students to present would be good.

Dr. Garcia and David Jamieson presented at most recent TAG program meeting to all district coordinators.

The Letter from the TAG department to all students with qualifying score informing them they are eligible for ACCESS will go out.

There is a new coordinator to help spend Runs for the Arts money equitably across grades.

3-8 will come together in beginning of May to the Oregon Youth Symphony, with related education extensions.

In elementary, yesterday each teacher spent a half day working with district literacy TOSA to implement a writer's workshop in classrooms to start in January.

New afterschool enrichment opportunities coming in January. Struggled to get sufficient numbers for coding classes; need 6 students, have had only 1 in some classes. Will send out notice

Combined PE classes at Lane seem to be going well; it is a good opportunity for the students to connect with one another. The two PE teachers are co-teaching the class.

Exploring the possibility of doing Grls on the Run, possibly combined with Vestal. Right now we are short 3 coaches. The coach needs to be someone who identifies as a woman and is over 21 years old. It is 90 minutes twice per week March to May, and one Saturday 5k.

Send Krista anything needed for a final notice going out Friday.

Announcements:

Talent Show is happening, all grades together. Hooray!

Call for volunteers: OBOB volunteers, organizing teacher potlucks at Vestal, teacher appreciation week organizers.

Please run all events/plans etc through Krista and David, not just directly to teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.