

ACCESS Academy PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 20, 2020, 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 7:04 pm. The attendees introduced themselves.

ATTENDANCE: 11 people signed the attendance list, 10 of whom were PTA members for the 2019-2020 year. 6 voting members constitute a quorum for a General Membership Meeting.

Approvals

- **Approvals** (5 minutes)
 - Approve Minutes of 11/20/19 General ACCESS Academy PTA Meeting:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HVxhyZgHIKzDhXcXqDffob-l2QLZtOdgle9oPSc2qqo>

Minutes approved.

- **Treasurer's Report** - Jennifer Rabby (20 minutes)
 - Treasurer's Report Year to Date
 - Callouts:
 - Readathon made less than expected
 - Dine Outs doing well
 - Teachers have been spending their money, OMSI field trip is the expense under Run for Access line item
 - Chess club on hold
 - Amendment (add \$150, total of \$650) for Math Enrichment line item to cover AMC math tests
 - Jennifer Motioned to discuss amendment.
 - Seconded by Jenny and motion passed.
 - Amendment (add \$125, total of \$925) for 8th Grade End of Year line item to cover increase in price on ride bracelets
 - Includes 100 dollars for 8th grade promotion and the rest is for Oaks Park.
 - Jennifer motioned and Kathy seconded. Motion passed,
- **Foundation Update** by Rob Cury (5 minutes)
 - Rob could not attend but will give big update in March.
- **Principal's Update**- (25 minutes) - Ginger Taylor
 - Ginger could not attend
 - Family Information Sessions/Tours
 - Tanya update:
 - We are allowed to market ACCESS.
 - Linda sent Ginger 560 child list of ACCESS eligible TAG children. 53% are girls.

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- PTA created flyers; school will send flyers to those children at addresses provided by TAG office.
- Vestal Open House has been changed and is now on 4/6, 6pm-7pm.
 - 4/27 is the first day of the application window and the concern was that this date was too late.
 - Kathy to ask Phoebe to make sure that all dates are changed online on our site and on TAG web site, and anywhere else this date is communicated.
 - Phoebe mentioned 4/6 is a teacher planning day and asked if we wanted to move it back to this day: it was originally scheduled for the 6th and was moved due to teacher planning day.
- Asking families of girls, students who started in middle school, and gender non-conforming children to attend open house.
- Only two current ACCESS parents and no kids were at the first open house.
 - More participation requested.
- Title IV prevents us from reserving spots for girls, but we are allowed to weight for gender.
 - Current weight ratio suggestion needs to be increased. Tanya to meet with Kathleen next week to discuss.
 - Kids who qualify for reduced lunch is still first in consideration.
 - Tanya to ask Linda if it is possible to get a list of all qualified TAG students to send flyers to them, too.
- Redistricting update
 - Reunifying ACCESS is listed on the list of items to be attended to on the redistricting purpose documentation.
 - Vestal PTA is open to collaborating with ACCESS about reunifying our program at a location out of their school.
- Co-location space constraints
 - Vestal is getting an extra classroom as part of the Student Success Act funding; they will be turning the de-escalation room to fit in a classroom. Ginger's hope to find a de-escalation room for ACCESS@Vestal is not likely to be successful. Also space constraints at Lane.
 - Kairos wants to move out of Humboldt, but lease runs at least another year.

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- **Projected FTE needs**
 - Ginger preserved FTE for next year.
 - ACCESS is getting an additional .5 counselor position from the Student Success Act funding at Vestal; hope to then split Climate Specialist between 2 sites. To start in the fall.
 - Hiring an EA at Vestal right now with FTE remaining from math/Spanish position.
 - Ginger is working with Foundation to set a goal for an instructional TOESA at Vestal.
 - Health teacher at Lane will continue to be subs. Long term sub's last day was 2/14 (Mr. Sloan).
 - PE teacher at Lane going forward will need Health certification
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- **New business /Questions (10 minutes)**
 - Summer picnic planning - Kathy Martin
 - Considering yet a different park for this year; mixed feedback due to parking constraints, but would be good to have a covered area. Welcome suggestions of centrally located parks. Willamette Park, Normandale, Laurelhurst Park. Wilshire Park, Overlook Park might be possibilities. Overlook might have difficult parking if there is another event.
 - Kathy is looking for a volunteer to help plan summer party.
 - Planning for Exec Committee Members next year - Tanya Awabdy
 - All of exec committee are completing 2nd term except for Treasurer. Might want to have a vice president to overlap with a president term for next year.
 - Might have another organizing round-up for recruitment.
 - Lane mural/picnic table improvements: coordinator needed - Phoebe Shen
 - Gayle will coordinate this. Phoebe will email her the PPS form and other information.
 - Still working on shelves for the shed (Kurt will follow up), and bark chips as well (Tanya will follow up with Veronica).
 - Ask for PTA to cover spelling bee pizza, possibly out of Literacy Enrichment line item.
- **Announcements /Other (10 minutes)**
 - Middle School Social Volunteers Needed 2/21:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4caaab23a0f85-winter>
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- Free, not a fundraiser.
- o Clothing Center Volunteers Needed 2/24/20, 9:30-1:30
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49aca628a7f94-ptaclothing1>
- o Pool party 5/30/20 - 6:30pm-8 at Mt. Scott
 - Free
- o Will start organizing summer quadrant park meet-ups
- o Talent Show coming up at end of April, with much talent as usual.
- **Adjournment** – 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

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

Friday, 2/21, Middle School Social, ACCESS@Lane, 6:30-8:30

Monday, 2/24, Clothing Center Volunteers, 3905 SE 91st Avenue, Room B-60, 9:30-1:30

Monday, 2/24, Site Council Meeting, ACCESS@Lane, 3:30-5 pm

Thursday, 2/27, DEI Book Discussion, There There by Tommy Orange. Contact access.pta.dei@gmail.com for location. 7:30-9 pm

Thursday, 3 /5, Family Info Session/Tour, Vestal Library, 6-7 pm

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Meeting Adjourned 8:17 pm by president Kurt Kemmerer.