

ACCESS Academy PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 10, 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 7:10 pm. The attendees introduced themselves.

ATTENDANCE: 9 people signed the attendance list, 8 of whom were PTA members for the 2019-2020 year. 6 voting members constitute a quorum for a General Membership Meeting.

Approve Minutes of 2/20/20 General ACCESS Academy PTA Meeting:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14GJXy9qBHPfMHozhH1y0AkuaBs1wV42wvqgpc6dug78/edit?usp=sharing>

Approved as written.

Treasurer's Report -

We have received some matching contributions, which has increased that line item. Teachers are spending money, though there is still money left to spend. The grants have been largely distributed.

MOTION: To amend the Math Team Line item to \$1000.

Jennifer Rabby moved, Phoebe Shen seconded.

Math team is complete, but gifts for coaches are being donated, which has resulted in a larger line item than initially budgeted, so need to amend the line item to be able to distribute the gifts to the math team coaches/teachers. **MOTION PASSED**

Foundation Update by Jen Coury

Jen is presenting for Rob Coury, who is in Finland currently. There have been some good volunteer meetings. Shifting the big fundraiser from an auction to a trivia/music fundraiser. The skate party for children will remain the same. Still will sell tickets to cover facility cost. Food will be done community style potluck as in the past. There will be a half-hour trivia round, then half-hour dessert. **Would like to do a slideshow/video presentation on ACCESS, still looking for a volunteer for this role.** Ginger as principal and Rob Coury as President of Foundation will speak. Then another trivia session and music. Will have options for donations when purchase tickets online, and throughout the evening. There will be no paddle raises, but there will be a raffle and some signups for buy-in parties as in the past. Still working out the technical pieces of donations. There will be Square the night of the auction, and also online donation options. PPS is working on building a page for this event, since Foundation has changed from All Hand Raised to PPS in-house. Hopefully this site will be ready by next week.

Still looking for technical support for google docs and reporting to help support skate party/t-shirt sales etc. Also looking for someone to take charge of decorations. Possibility to support the skate party tickets and student t-shirts through PTA Membership Toolkit; Jen will consult with Foundation to see if they want to go this route. Would need to amend the budget.

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Goal is \$50,000 gross. Discussion of indicating specifically what the money will be for as a motivation and more clarity. Ginger has gotten some district funding for FTE that was covered by Foundation in the past. Possibly having a thermometer to indicate the goal, have a tree with cards of possible donations as a measure of how much has been donated in the moment. .

Enrollment Update- Tanya Awabdy

Linda Smith, TAG Director; Judy Brennan from Enrollment and Transfer; Steve, IT person who runs the lottery; Mary Kane legal; Leann Obanyan Title 9 coordinator; Kathleen Ellwood, ACCESS principal's supervisor; are all meeting tomorrow to address the gender balancing for ACCESS admissions. Tanya has educated them on the importance of using the actual ratio in determining the correct factor for gender balancing.

36 current applicants to ACCESS so far; approximately 2:1 boy-identified to girl-identified and gender non-binary applicants. PPS currently puts Non-binary applicants into the female-identified category, in contradiction to their non-binary identity. Current pool of TAG identified students this year is 53% girls. Ginger has a good idea of the number of slots at each grade; this is posted on the website: <https://www.pps.net/Page/15019>

Open Slots for the 2020-21 Admissions Lottery

Grade Level	Open Slots
1	12
2	4
3	37
4	8
5	16
6	20
7	3
8	3

An open house at Vestal occurred last week. Families of 25 potential students there: about 50:50 boy:girl ratio 6-7 current families were present. A couple of female students, families, spoke as well as a new parent. An open house at Lane is occurring this Thursday. Families are welcome to come to speak/welcome prospective families, no need to sign up. Application

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window ends April 27. There was another round of TAG testing in February, so those students may not yet have received their eligibility letter; Tanya Awabdy will follow up with Linda Smith to send flyers to families identified in this later testing.

- **Old business** (10 minutes)

Summer picnic planning - Kathy Martin

Kathy has investigated some of the picnic site options. She has put together a spreadsheet to determine the best park; top 3 are Laurelhurst, Mt. Tabor, and Willamette. **Would like help with planning summer picnic.**

Planning for Exec Committee Members next year - Tanya Awabdy

The board is transitioning to an overlap format. **Seeking Executive team members for 2 year terms: Treasurer-in-training, Secretary, Vice President (1 year term, 2nd year as President).** Tanya has posted on Facebook, will put in Atomic Flyer.

Bark Chips @ Lane - Tanya Awabdy

Still need assistance getting donated bark chips for Lane. We put a request in for one tree company, but they have not delivered them. The tree companies come with very limited notice. Kathy will call Mt. Scott to see if they will donate bark chips.

Arts Integration Committee - Phoebe Shen

Want to create a replicable curriculum. We should talk to teachers and see what they think would work for how to spend money. Small group meetings may be ideal. Ginger was on board with this plan. **Still seeking volunteers to help coordinate this effort.**

- **New business** (10 minutes)

Helping Hands availability if/when school closes

MOTION: to amend the Helping Hands line item to \$5000 to cover families in case there is a school closure due to the coronavirus. Moved by Phoebe Shen, Seconded by Kathy Martin.

MOTION passed.

Treasurer will contact the DEI committee and counselors to try to establish a system to distribute funds if schools close suddenly, and to accommodate a possibly indefinite length of time.

SE Boundaries Committee - Phoebe Shen

PPS is looking for members for committee to review SE school boundaries. Vestal will apply to be a part of this committee. Any members of ACCESS community are encouraged to apply.

Announcements /Other (5 minutes)

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Site council in March has been cancelled. Site Council Minutes are posted on the website.

Community event last Sunday was very fun; thanks to Heather Leon for coordinating.

Adjournment – 8:04 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

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

Thursday 3/12, ACCESS @ Lane Family Info Session, 6:30-7:30

Monday, 3/16, Site Council Meeting, ACCESS@Lane, 3:30-4:30 **CANCELLED**

3/23-3/27: Spring Break, No School

Monday, 4/6: No School

Monday 4/6: ACCESS@Vestal Family Info Session, 6:30-7:30

Monday 4/13: ACCESS@Lane Family Info Session, 6:30-7:30

Tuesday 4/14: Dine Out, Pizzicato, NE Fremont & 42nd

Wed., 4/15: PTA Meeting, BESC, 501 N Dixon, 7-8:30

Mon., 4/27 - ACCESS application window closes