

ACCESS Academy PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 7 pm to 8:30 pm
Virtual Meeting

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Meeting called to order by ACCESS President Kurt Kemmerer at 7:06 pm. The attendees introduced themselves.

ATTENDANCE: 26 people joined the meeting, 20 of whom were PTA members for the 2019-2020 year. 6 voting members constitute a quorum for a General Membership Meeting.

Minutes of 4/15/20 General ACCESS Academy PTA Meeting approved as written.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HtoS0vQg7KkLSe8ZtU1V7bau-8vMiaJhjcmKe7YyByc/edit?usp=sharing>

Treasurer's Report by treasurer Jennifer Rabby

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We are getting reimbursed for some expected expenses that we will not have (pool party, Oaks Park ride bracelets). Teachers have been submitting expenses; many teachers at Lane still have outstanding funds available to spend. We have approximately \$39,000 in the bank right now.

In the Helping Hands line, we have approximately \$900 available. We previously distributed assistance to 9 families at spring break; one potential is to provide assistance to families over the summer, after checking with the counselors. Principal Taylor advises reaching out to counselors to remind them these funds are available to help families who may need assistance. Tanya Schaefer will reach out to the counselors.

2020-2021 Draft Budget - Jennifer Rabby moves to adopt the draft budget; Phoebe Shen seconds. MOTION PASSES

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Our current budget goes through June; we adopt a draft budget to carry us through the summer, until we approve the formal budget for next year in October. Draft Budget largely follows previous budget, with these notes:

- box tops has not been a large line item, so plan to defer this to the school going forward.
- reserve Oaks Park bracelets, cancelled due to COVID-19, in case there is a chance to celebrate the class at the end of the summer.
- added a line item of "Distance Learning Support" to support teachers who may need special supplies if we continue in distance learning in the longer term.
- unspent money in the library account and literacy enrichment will be rolled over to next year, since may not be ordering books right now due to logistical reasons.

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- new line item for training/professional development for all teachers and staff in Collaborative Problem Solving before school starts in fall, as well as coaching/observation/support throughout the year, as requested by Principal Taylor.
- one-time policy of allowing teachers to use unspent funds next year, as pandemic may have prohibited them from spending this year.

Tanya Awabdy made a motion to elect the following persons to serve as officers of ACCESS PTA for the one-year term beginning August 1, 2020 and ending July 31, 2021:

- President: Phoebe Shen
- Vice President: Kathy Martin
- Vice President: Lisa Bartee
- Treasurer: Jennifer Rabby
- Treasurer: Heather Spring-Emert
- Secretary: Anne Koski

Kinnari Shah seconds the motion. **MOTION PASSES.**

Principal's Update - Principal Taylor

Enrollment: Application closed yesterday; there is discrepancy between School Mint and ACCESS Application; Enrollment will reach out to families to contribute either part which is missing. There are 27 fewer in ACCESS applications than School Mint. Overall, it is approximately 1.5 boy to 1 girl ratios. There are open spots of 103, and more applicants than spots, so expect there to be waiting lists. Next step is to clean up applications, run the lottery, and get letters out to families. If some families selected in lottery decide not to come, then we can go to the lottery. Need to update the website to close the application, and post the date letters of acceptance are expected. The waitlists will be in order of acceptance.

Regarding the gender imbalance, we have not made any headway in altering the ways the lottery is done to balance out gender enrollment; PPS legal counsel and Title 9's view was that any manipulation in the lottery is the same as reserving spots by gender. Only other way to impact may be through the hardship process. Current 1st and 5th grades are most impacted currently by gender imbalance; there are not more applicants than spots in those grades, so practically there was not a way to fix the gender imbalance with the current pool of applicants.

The second round of test results went out from TAG by email prior to application closing. ACCESS invited all students identified as 99th percentile by TAG by email to the virtual open houses. Principal Taylor will follow up with TAG about TAG nominations.

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Held 2 virtual open houses, which allowed more staff to participate. Made it easier for prospective families to participate. Will think about including this modality as an option even if open houses are in person next year. May consider creating a virtual video of the schools and post it on the website.

Staffing Updates: everything is on hold with the district until state forecasting budget occurs next week, and then district has to calculate impact on PPS budget. It is being anticipated as a severe/17% cut in many state budgets. Dr. Ellwood, Principal Taylor's boss, expects us to be working on staff through the summer. There is still a hiring freeze. If there are layoffs, it is strictly on seniority by endorsement areas. Not clear how the Student Success Act will be impacted or will impact school budgets.

Yearbook Distribution/Obtaining belongings from school: Has asked district; there is a group working on accessing the buildings, hopefully will get guidance soon, and possibly coordinate with Yearbook Distribution. May have staff go through building, and stage belongings on blacktop for families to pick up, and distribute yearbooks at the same time.

End of Year: Planning Days have been cut to one due to furlough etc. Last day of school is June 10.

Boundary/Relocation: As far as we know, this process is on hold.

Community Building Ideas Kinnari Shah

Usually we had summer meet-ups for current and incoming families to meet. Cannot maintain same format, were considering zoom meet-ups over the summer; could possibly use break-out rooms by grade, by neighborhood. Looking for hosts, possibly 1 per month, to host zoom meetings for new and returning families. Lisa Bartee is willing to host a 3rd grade virtual meeting. Consider virtual content that might be engaging, as well as opportunity to ask questions and connect families. Thinking of shared experiences as well as opportunities for students to connect horizontally. Natasia Chan will investigate a virtual escape room. Abigail Webb will also investigate options. Theater games on zoom might be a good idea, such as creating their super-hero persona. Mad Science has some home science experiments which might work for this as well. Trackers Earth is also doing some virtual camps. Out School has a lot of classes in many different subjects which are fairly affordable.

Announcements

5th grade will meet with middle school teachers virtually tomorrow.

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Recipe recommendation:

<https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/1020970-turmeric-black-pepper-chicken-with-asparagus>

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1cSN71dab2Nj2hDyHqsmie4YY6Qtv-uLx>

PTA Zoom Subscription available for school-related virtual meetings. Email access.pta.sec@gmail.com to set up a meeting.

The PTA Online Directory is available to help stay connected with your student's friends and the ACCESS Community: <https://accesspta.membershiptoolkit.com/home>

Select Directory for contact information; Select Signups to update your family's listing.

Upcoming Events:

Online Talent Show: Saturday, 5/30/20, 6:30: will publish a youtube link. It will be posted at the premier time, but will be able to watch it later but only through the link, not publicly available.

DEI Book Discussion, Thursday, 6/25/20, 7:30-9 pm, *How to Hide an Empire* by Daniel Immerwahr. Zoom Meeting ID: 849 7181 6437 Password: 647258

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.