

ACCESS Academy PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 20, 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 7:02 pm.

ATTENDANCE: 18 people signed the attendance list, 15 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 the 1/14/19 General Meeting.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uLtwoBzVNGhkmNvsFtPBQQFjckv9GGbdqnM1yFNWtkE/edit?usp=sharing>

Phoebe Shen Moved, Heather Leon Seconded. **Motion Approved Unanimously**

Treasurer's Report presented by ACCESS PTA Treasurer Sally Maltman.

Currently there are \$22,491.48 in assets. There was a recent Amazon Smile deposit of over \$150. The Bowling Dine Out earned almost \$400. The Read-a-thon was the big fundraiser this month, with expected net earnings of over \$6500 in earning net, which will help make up fundraising goals for the year. It has been a quiet month for spending with only a few teachers submitting funding requests. The scheduled all-school field trip to Symphony is paid for by Run for the Arts.

Nominating Committee Member Appointment:

We need three people to be on this year's PTA nominating committee. The role of the nominating committee is to recruit nominees for the ACCESS PTA Executive Committee leadership roles for next school year. Of the current Executive Committee members, the treasurer is completing her 2nd consecutive one-year term, so that position needs to be filled by a new candidate for 2019-20. All other executive committee members are currently serving their first one-year term in office and are willing to serve a 2nd term in 2019-20. The nominating committee must have at least three members. Current Vice Presidents Kinnari Shah and Tanya Awabdy are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee, seeking at least one additional committee member. If interested in serving on the Nominating Committee this year (or on the Executive Committee for 2019-2020), please email access-academy-pta@googlegroups.com .

Omnibus Meeting Report

Meeting recently held to coordinate between all different advocacy groups for ACCESS; see minutes here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pCydVI1XnVOR5cOAMtfVHSJ8KlyKmp0Vcly4wCZD4ZY/edit?usp=sharing>

The revised ACCESS brochure produced by the district is still in process; Interim Principal Pam Joyner indicates she will follow up with Rosie in Communications about this. The Meeting

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recommended and requested scheduling additional evening Open Houses at ACCESS in early April. Interim Principal Pam Joyner indicated that Principal Krista Blovad is scheduled to come back at the end of next week, so she is reluctant to schedule evening open houses before she returns on March 1. However, Interim Principal Joyner indicates that if Principal Blovad does not return 3/1/19, she will schedule the April Open Houses. TAGAC will ask that ACCESS Open House schedule be included in future TAG mailing about ACCESS eligibility (such as imminent releasing of TAG testing results).

Interim Principal Pam Joyner discussed **PPS District Safety Procedures**. She indicated the district has a new safety protocol since March 2018 for Threat Assessment. One part is a suicide screening. If there is indication a child might harm themselves, there is a protocol for assessing immediate risk. This is done by counselor, psychologist, other trained person. Parents are involved in that protocol right away. This has been in place and improved over recent years.

The new School Threat Assessment was taken from the Salem Kaiser School district; they are coaching PPS and doing other training on this. Since last spring, all administrators and teams from schools have been trained in this new process. Each school creates a team which could consist of administrator, school psychologist, counselor, nurse, whomever Admin deems appropriate. At ACCESS Administrators and Counselors are trained. The protocol is very proactive. If someone comes forth with information about harming others in a school building, PPS takes it very seriously. The process starts with a fact finding investigation (not criminal investigation) to determine level of risk and avoid it increasing. Fact finding starts with interviews of students, teachers, parents, and any other involved people to determine facts of the situation. If the situation suggests an imminent threat, the protocol is to bypass the investigation and go straight to mitigating the threat. If not an imminent threat, a report of possible harm triggers a Level 1 assessment. Administration would contact the parents to let them know students will be interviewed. Parents encouraged to be present. If there is no risk after interviews are complete, the process ends there. There is a flow chart to follow. Expert in district Joel Warnock (**Joel Warnock, Threat Assessment Coordinator, 503-348-3731, jwarnock@pps.net**) is skilled and walks people through the district protocol. It is a parallel process of safety protocol, school discipline, law enforcement, with a focus on prevention. **[See Student Success & Health website for more information on specifics of these protocols: <https://www.pps.net/domain/44>]**

Ms. Joyner indicated that district policy is that If the police are going to interview a child who is the subject of an investigation, administration needs to notify a parent, but not necessarily if police interview a student considered a witness. Policy: Students who are subject to investigation may be interviewed by law enforcement but admin must notify parents prior to the interview. After the interview, if child is interviewed by law enforcement or administrator,

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nothing in the policy directs child to counselor afterwards. Students who are witnesses don't need to have parent permission to be interviewed, though best practices would suggest need for follow up with parents. Ms. Joyner notes the Student Success & Health Department including Joel Warnock, James Loveland, Amy Rona would welcome parent feedback as they implement and refine these policies (see links above).

What training is there for SRO or others on students with disabilities? Unclear. There advocates on the team, such as counselor and psychologist and learning center teacher, who can be looped in along the way.

Due to a privacy issue, cannot share specifics about this incident. There was an incident at Lane in early January that went into this threat assessment protocol, including interviews by police. There was a credible threat, but not an imminent threat, which they had to investigate, figure out what the facts were, and pull supports into place.

Recommendations to district including difference between laws that protect identity/privacy of the students and ability to give more information to school community about incidents might be useful.

Searches: Desks and lockers can be searched. Cell phones can be searched if there is a credible reason. Parents are not necessarily informed first. You can search a cell phone but cannot overstep what you are searching for. Best practice would be to inform the parent.

Searches in general: if there is reason to think someone has something on them, you can do pocket and shoe searches (not pat down). Can search a backpack, search a coat. Best practice is to have 2 people in the room when you do this.

Interim Principal Pam Joyner presented Principal Update.

One question pertained to Funding for art supplies for art classes. ACCESS PTA Treasurer Sally Maltman spoke with art teacher AnnMarie Szok on Tuesday 2/19. Ms. Szok wanted to share she is fine on supplies for right now as the school just purchased clay and glaze. She will ask if she needs anything in the future. She would like PTA to focus on planning for next year so that PTA and admin figure out funding going into the next school year. Some of the delay was that the principal's secretary is the only one who can order supplies, so there was some delay with Jamilla out in January. Ms. Joyner indicated the school has a very meagre budget, called consolidated budget, which is between \$40-50,000 for the whole year; copying machines is a large portion, then consumibles, extended hours, etc.

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Ms. Joyner reports it is now staffing season; next Tuesday all buildings get FTE for next year. Discussion of the need to coordinate with Lane and Vestal for scheduling and building use.

Interim Principal Pam Joyner goes to Ockley Green to cover the principal's maternity leave on 4/1/19. Uncertain what will happen administratively in the future, she would advocate for Interim Assistant Principal John Blanck to stay on through April if Assistant Principal David Jamieson and Principal Krista Blovad do not return.

There was discussion about PE classes for middle schoolers. Some parents expressed the sense that our PE teacher is not able to take as active a role in the classes since they have combined with the Lane classes. Interim Principal Joyner states she has observed the Lane PE teacher is a powerful voice but the ACCESS PE teacher has indicated the combined classes are working well; ACCESS PE teacher is paying attention to social-emotional component, and Lane PE teacher is managing the game. Some parents expressed need for a quieter space during PE, and students who need that are feeling they are not getting support. ACCESS 6th graders are paired with Lane 8th graders. Curriculum is designed for 5 days a week, but as half of ACCESS students attend MWF and the other half attend TTh , they are missing pieces.

Parents discussed lack of electives in middle school. Interim Principal Joyner noted this requires a lot of planning and coordination between the 2 school administrations. She reported that both schools are open to this, but that the logistics are complicated.

Parents asked if there is any way of helping set up staffing to help prepare for Principal Krista Blovad's return. Interim Principal Joyner acknowledged staffing time is challenging and Principal Blovad will need support when she returns.

Interim Principal Joyner indicated ACCESS teachers are passionate and leaning in hard and really holding things together; that they are a strong group but they are hurting and need support. She reported they held a listening circle with them last week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

3/8/19: Talent Show Rehearsal: Access @Vestal kids will be in the gym after school, with snacks and volunteers, then after the middle schoolers arrive on a bus from Lane, starting rehearsal at 4 pm.

3/15/19: Talent Show Performance: all students will be bussed as normal in the morning to their normal destinations. Lane students and staff will be bussed to Vestal for a 9:15

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performance. Show will be over at 11:15, then back for lunch. Evening show is at 6:30, need performers there by 6 pm.

ACCESS Auction and skate party coming April 6th. Over 80 donations so far and still growing. The Auction is still seeking donations, esp. experiences for our students (or adults), handmade items and items that could go in the live (beach houses, cabins, airline tickets, whatever). There is still a need for volunteers for both skate party and auction. Skate party has been divided into 2 shifts this year in hopes that parents can participate in both the auction and the skate party. Invites will be coming in the mail to all families (hopefully this week or next). Posters are up at both Lane and Vestal about the auction. Teachers have been invited. Parents are encouraged to talk to your student's teacher and let them know we hope they come. We have something special in store for them. Free/Reduced tickets for both auction and skate party are available through the counselor(s) or through auction coordinator (Kristi Byfield, accessacademyauction@gmail.com). All info. is strictly confidential. Sign up for EVERYTHING mentioned above is on the auction site (www.accessauction2019.com)

Volunteers are needed for PPS Clothes Closet, Monday, 2/25, 9:30-1:30 at Grant HS (Marshall Campus). Please contact access.pta.sec@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

Pi Day is coming on March 14. We will provide pie for all students at Vestal Campus (ACCESS and Vestal) and all ACCESS Students at Lane Campus. Need volunteers to help with serving pie at both ACCESS sites (Vestal PTA will set up volunteers for Vestal lunch shifts). Contact access.pta.treasurer@gmail.com if you can assist.

Note changed location for next PTA General Meeting: Hollywood Senior Center on Tuesday March 19, due to rescheduled visit from Michelle Obama at the Moda Center that day.

Upcoming Events:

- Fri 2/22, 8:45-9:45, Principal's Coffee @ Vestal Auditorium
- Fri 2/22, 10-11, Family Tour of ACCESS@Vestal
- Fri 2/22, 6:15-9, Family Movie Night & mini Camp Atom
- Thurs 3/14, Pi Day
- Sun 3/24, 4-5:30, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee Mtg., 1831 N. Killingsworth St.
- Mon 2/25, 9:30-1:30, PPS Clothes Closet ACCESS Volunteer shift, Grant HS (Marshall Campus)
- Wed 3/6, Dine Out, Queen of Sheba
- Fri 3/8, 3-6 pm, Talent Show Tech/Dress Rehearsal
- Mon 3/11, 4 pm, ACCESS Advisory Committee Meeting, Lane

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Mon 3/11, 6-7 pm, Family Tour of ACCESS@Lane

Wed 3/13, 5-6 pm, Principal's pizza, BESC (8th grade fundraiser)

Thurs 3/14, lunch time, Pi Day

Fri, 3/15, Talent Show at Vestal Auditorium, AM for students, 6:30-7:30 for families

Mon, 3/18, 6-7 pm, Family Tour of ACCESS@Vestal

Tues, 3/19, 7-8:30 pm, **Hollywood Senior Center**, PTA General Meeting

Sat, 4/6, Auction and Skate Party

ACCESS PTA President adjourned meeting at 8:37 pm.