

**Atkinson PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2012**

*Minutes taken by PTA Secretary Holly Boime.*

Members present: Pia Nicastro, Diana Cameron, Suzanne Harold, Terrie Hendrickson, Laura Mason, Jennifer Povich, Constance San Juan, Scott Eisland, Michael Hamson, Holly Boime, Dennise Dekker

*Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by PTA Vice President Terrie Hendrickson filling in for President Suzanne Harold.*

**Elections:** On closer examination of Standing Rules and OR PTA bylaws, the board realized that current treasurer and secretary should have been elected to new terms last June; before that time, both were completing terms vacated by previous officers.

\*Vote called to elect Treasurer (retroactive to July 15, 2011): Constance San Juan

Motion: Jennifer Povich

Second: Holly Boime

Passed by majority vote: Yes

\*Vote called to elect Secretary (retroactive to July 15, 2011): Holly Boime

Motion: Constance San Juan

Second: Suzanne Harold

Passed by majority vote: Yes

**Financial Update: Constance San Juan**

- 4/5 overnight field trips received \$1,800 grant from OMSI (affects 5th graders in Velazquez's and Dulcich's class)
- Atkinson Eats out about brought in \$439 from Pastini in January and \$240 from Burgerville in February
- Two funding proposals to vote on:
  1. Homework club: requested by volunteer parent Pia for \$199 for snacks, napkins, and in late April, incentives to give out.

Motion: Dennise Dekker  
Second: Constance San Juan  
Passed by majority vote: Yes
  2. Bookroom: Cindy Dulcich requested \$500 for new books for bookroom because of outdated or abused material.

Motion: Jennifer Povich  
Second: Laura Mason  
Passed by majority vote: Yes

**Fundraising/Auction Update: Suzanne Harold**

- Publicity volunteer/s needed
- Fancy baking donations needed
- Other items to donate, such as wine, needed

**Outdoor Learning Garden (OLG) Update: Chairperson Denise Dekker**

- Upcoming Friday is an all-school work day.
- Updating website.
- West side of school will be used for a pea trellis. Every class can participate.
- Small greenhouse will be procured soon.
- Outdoor signage will continue to be installed.
- Developing bird curriculum.
- Might get another grant for bird feeders.

**Principal's Update: Debbie Armendariz**

- \$27 million state budget shortfall
- Site Council sets priorities in February
- Community meetings (Feb/early March)
- District put forth programming requirements, staffing allocations (late March)
- Possible community survey
- Administration makes decisions (early April)
- Discussed stabilizing transfer students in order to be better able to control and plan for class size.

**Guest speaker: Reading Specialist Barbara Steinberg**

- Growing a Lifelong Reader (handout)
- Decoding and Comprehending
- Discussion
- Resources such as Readingrockets.org

\*Vote called to approve October and November meeting minutes: Motion: Dennise Dekker  
Second: Diana Cameron  
Passed by majority vote: Yes

*Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.*