

MINUTES - SECRETARY: Dunja Jennings

Atkinson Elementary General PTA meeting, 1/21/14

Laura Minato, Rachel, Constance, Trish. Robin. Natasha , Annie

Call to order 6:38

Agenda change, Robin reporting on the Auction:

Please buy tickets on the early bird. Table price is 500, which will include wine. Please select your seating partner on the ticket form. Paddle goes to Foundation, all else goes to PTA. So far we've received quite a few donations/item.

(notes attached)

Still looking for partners and for volunteers.

New Business:

Aliesje, OLG:

There is a discrepancy in budget allotment; pay was set for 9 months, while work is 10 months.

Presenting ONLY on-site time. Meets with Paula once a month.

(attached outline)

All school garden work day- only day teachers are out with kids. Currently OLG leaders are not being paid for the All- school garden days. Either put the pause on the work days, or pay for them. For the promised 15/wk @15/hr. we are 95 dollars short right now. Asking for that reimbursement.

Requesting backlog pay. \$980 total.

There are 5 more work days potential, and would be possible by asking for the original amount.

An ideal schedule/payment schedule for OLG is 17 classes, \$1500 per month.

All school garden work days are on the 4th Friday of the month. ½ hour spot, teacher and garden rep come with class, and are assigned a task. Getting "work" done, weeding, etc. Garden to classroom bit involves learning, not maintenance work. The work days allow for garden work to be done.

Previous Minutes: Trish entertains motion. 7:03

Amly motioned, Robin seconded. Approved.

Do we have a quorum for the meeting, so can we even vote? 10.

Minutes as amended. Quorum is 10. Minutes passed.

Budget report:

From Constance:

General membership: Funding proposal from the site council was presented for the purchase and sale of Atkinson Pride lawn signs (\$430 in expenses, potential of \$500 in income). Pia moves, Rachel seconds the funding proposal. 11 ayes, motion passed.

Next proposal to correct budget in regards to the numbers for the 4th/5th grade overnight field trips (total for all five classes is approximately 20K in expenses and 20K in income (contributions)) as well as for Auction (paddle raise will be going to Foundation, so an estimate of that amount should be subtracted from the Auction projected income total).

The plant sale generates \$800 (from last year) for the 5th grade graduation.

Annie is Volunteer Coordinator. Natasha is stepping up for plant sale coordinator. Site Council does have folks willing to step up and help, but not lead.

The Read-a-thon generated \$3700 for the 4-5 Overnight Trips. Constance created a direct ask letter asking for contributions from the 4th/5th parents for the overnight trip and sent it to the teachers. If we don't raise enough, then a school-wide fundraiser is planned. Trish expressed lack of follow through from teachers, in regards to collecting money. Current copy of budget attached.

Karla asked for clarification in regards to the amount that would be subtracted for the Auction line item. 5k was decided on. She also had questions in regards to the change in 4th/5th grade overnight- as well as the OLG requests.

Trish states that we need our projected incomes/expenditures in order to know what we need. 30K reserve 20% of our operating budget. We still have surplus funds. Still have 8K for outdoor/PE things. There is 19K available, do we spend it?

Principal report- care of Trisha:

Paula would like to see a late spring event. (Carnival, which in the past took place in the spring- happened in the fall, under the name "Harvest Festival").

Site council:

Karla reported:

Great group of people. Focusing on rebuilding and uniting community with a Tshirt design contest, lawn signs. To balance online presence, we need more positive comments from parents on site like Greatschools.com urbanmamas. Site Council is working on a flier for the school. Pia mentioned group that does the Atkinson parade can do the Division parade later in the summer.

It's the Story of a Parade, one possible theme of the parade. Trish stated we all come up with great ideas, but the person with the vision ends up with the burden.

Reports from groups:

Annie: Lunar New Year, Holly is still working on volunteers. Can the FHS students come and work with us? Was there any feedback on 3 Kings, or the winter singalong? Maria (?) will write up a report.

Pia asked that all events need to start at 6:30 due to Vermont Hills. Also, we need to appreciate and communicate better with custodians. We need events to go through events coordinator. Do we have one?

More New Business:

Afterschool activities/Shine afterschool programs, all managed by Sara Wright. This is "A ton of work". Sliding scale creates a burden, and she is stepping down as it is too stressful, too much conflict. Should PTA actively run the afterschool program? PTA board member can be point person for afterschool activities. We need to work with the immersion program. Person needs to be contact for parent volunteers who want to help.

Constance asked Sara if she'd still be interested if we appoint a PTA person.

Dunja asked for some clarification, and I will have separate conversation with Sara.

Good of the order:

Lost and Found. Clothes will go to Marshall High. Nameless clothes go to MHS once a month. Clothes closet.

Adjourn @7:47, Trish moves, Laura seconds. The end.