

Atkinson PTA General Meeting 3/18/14

Minutes started at 6:37:

Principal Report: Debbie has been appointed official in her position. Vacancy is now open, but not quite posted- 4/1 will be posted. Community meeting 4/1, how do we publicize the community meeting? We'd like to aim for 50-75 people in attendance.

Decision for hire is from PPS board, but with input from community group. There will be a committee made up of community members. PPS is trying to be more transparent with the hiring process, there will be internal/external candidates.

Staffing- current numbers. Board has to determine additional FTE, that info is not available yet. Thurs the 20th- Board mtg where FTE is discussed. For Atkinson- for every position open, between 100-200 candidates. We are retaining our FTE from this year, not losing any staff or programs.

It will be Paula's decision in regards to how FTE will be distributed.

There will be a transition between principals- Paula assures that what we are doing this year, we will continue next year. Paula will help make sure that there is a continuance with our activities. Paula wants to streamline events from this year to next year. Paula's perception is that we have a LOT of evening events, but that they go well, and are well attended! Our community is willing to take on additional events, and we'd like to move forward with that.

Paula was asked- what is the reputation of Atkinson, and the community? Very committed to all kids, very desirable for principal candidates. One factor is that there is a lot of involvement from the community.

Discussion with Site Council: when PPS arranges community meeting- and asks – looking forward, what do you want for the future, a future trajectory. Will Antonio provide written forms for input from parents.

OMSI family night- 5/19 (corrected date) All Atkinson Families are invited. 6-8. Achieved through piecing together budgets. \$2000, taken out of 4 different budgets. FREE for families. Voucher for bus tickets, for free and reduced lunch students. Let's get the info out there ASAP to our families.

4/5 field trips, info is out there for the families and the classrooms.

March 20th, 3-5 Talent Show.

Forecasting is due April 2nd, for Mt. Tabor kids to choose their electives.

Testing- OAKS is coming up. All the kids do know about it.

Running Club- still on Fridays,

Run for the Arts- 4/22.

Assemblies- we are having quite a few for the rest of the year, all scheduled later in the day, so that families can attend.

Can we schedule the Run for the Arts assemblies during the summer- so that we have the calendar figured out at the beginning of the year?

Our principal secretary is interim- there is question about whether she will be there next year. Thank you Paula!

OAKS testing- kids interested in doing well, what is the importance of doing well on the test?- Sharing to the kids that the OAKS test is about teaching the state what the kids need to know. But is it appropriate for the younger kids- how do we phrase it, and act all together?

Karla-

Funding proposal- Tshirts. Asking pTA to support the project, selling shirts for 10 dollars each. 9 cost per tshirt, 1 dollar income for the PTA. Phantom Chicken will make the tshirts (local company)

Tshirts in the closet- what are they for? 5 years old. But sizing is limited. This is NOT meant to be a fund raiser, but a community thing.

We need preorders, to avoid issues with sizing. We can reorder (with minimum).

Karla proposes funding for Tshirt- motion approved.

3 motions. 3 different transactions. Question about need to have 2, or 3?

Rachel moves to pay Alieja \$1500 for the remaining year, OLG. Motion on the floor. 1500- all school work days.

Denise- 4 class days have already happened. Fall did not get covered, back pay is \$980, \$570 for hourly work for rest of the year.

Do we raise our volunteer attendance, so that we need to spend less on the all school-work days? Seems unreasonable to expect volunteers to make up the difference, we need our paid workers.

Denise states that volunteers are hard to come by, they need to be experienced. We need to recruit more core OLG volunteers. There is a lot more work than what it seems.

1550- back pay and future pay. All in favor.

Second motion for the 1500- Denise advocates for HELP with our garden. Holly seconds. All in favor, motion approved.

Minutes- I did not bring.

Reports:

PTA convention- any member can attend. Delegate needs to be opened to general membership. Are we voting for a delegate from Atkinson?

2 board positions open, treasurer. Other is recreation of immersion parent on the board.

Board voted to buy a budget program
Fundraising language needs to be done by the board.
Motion for closing the OLG account.

Auction was a BIG success; some social events did not get filled. Will be sent to school, open for feedback.

How to best advertise and list the social events that are available for the auction.
Rachel commended the work done for the auction. Art pieces were gorgeous.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Minutes by Dunja Marcum, Secretary.