

Present: someone else grabbed the sign-in before I could, does anyone have it?

1. April Minutes Approved (Courtney)

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3. Outreach Committee: (Jodi) The Outreach Committee hosted a meeting for the Atkinson Asian community. Our school lost 60 Asian American families last year for multiple reasons. They were very disappointed to lose the bus. This is likely a large part of why so many families left. The Asian American families that attended the meeting want more cultural and social events, more emphasis on native languages, after school language, and breakfast meetings. They want Ms. Pham to be full-time. Sandy mentioned that the format of PTA meetings are really not a cultural fit and that may be why few members of that community participate in the PTA. Perhaps having more informal meetings like that sponsored by the Outreach Committee would initially involve the Asian community. Sandy emphasized that we need to learn what issues are important to other cultural groups at Atkinson.

Nikki Shulak proposed that PTA funds \$1500 to pay for the assistants for Ms. Pham. These monies came from PSU this year. If Atkinson offers \$1500, PSU would match the money. (This discussion will be picked up when we get to the budget piece of our agenda.)

Can we extend the language time for Vietnamese and Chinese? We need another format to discuss this request outside of the PTA meeting, such as in the Site Council, or in a specially-held meeting for those interested.

4. PPS Resource Conservation for the District: Waste Reduction: AmeriCorps volunteer, Cassedy Sullivan, explained that Atkinson will receive free plastic trays next year to reduce the waste currently created by the Styrofoam trays. The trays are free, but volunteers will be needed to wash them. Currently there are 11 schools using them (including our neighboring school Glencoe). Most of these schools use a combination of parent help and student help to sanitize the trays. In addition, most schools that have the plastic trays use a combination of plastic trays and Styrofoam trays depending on the volunteer capacity of the day. (Interestingly, we thought we were recycling the Styrofoam trays – but they go in the garbage.) Atkinson will need to find a lead volunteer to create the volunteer force behind this effort. Contact before Aug 8: Cassedy at csulliv1@pps.k12.or.us and after Aug 8: Nancy Bond at nbond@pps.k12.or.us.

5. Principals Report (Chris Gutierrez):

* Staff changes: The following teachers are leaving Atkinson – Almada (ESL), Gertes (PE), Hofer (Office), Lazarine (Office), Marshall (Special Ed Psychologist), George (3rd grade, taking a leave). Rob Stewart will be half time.

* Class Placement Announcements: Next year's class assignment will not be mailed. They will be posted in the window on Thursday August 28th after 4:30. The names will appear as first name and last initial. The PPS student ID code will also appear.

* Ice Cream Social : Once again, the ice cream social will occur on the first Thursday after Labor Day (9/04/08). The organizer of the event will attempt to make it an easier event for kindergarten families. Ideas included having an earlier start for kindergarten (so that it wasn't so overwhelming) and having a

special section on the playground for kindergarten families. A post card will be sent in August to remind families about this date and to mention the class placement posting date, and back to school night.

*Secretary Hiring Process: Several parents, teachers and staff reviewed 29 resumes, interviewed 6 people. Chris will announce the new secretary on June 11.

*Visioning for Atkinson's future: A committee was put together to help build a vision for the future. In part, this was spurred on by the downward trend in the numbers. The committee decided that in September, a committee will be formed and meet with Chris. A meeting will be in October that will invite parents from the larger community. Topics will include Language, Wellness, OLG and many more. Efforts will be made to make this process open to families and teachers. Nikki Shulak is currently helping organize this committee.

6. Funding Requests:

*Mt Tabor Commons (Tracy): The property across the street is being developed to include a community-oriented coffee shop. The development is in its initial phase and needs \$20K for its current renovation goal. Because of its location, Atkinson will really benefit. The Keny-Guyer family has offered to match anyone's personal donations to the project 1:1 (up to \$500 total); donation envelopes are in the PTA box in the office.

Motion: We should donate \$1000 to Tabor Commons. 5 in favor, 6 no. Motion not passed. People thought this request should be reviewed in Oct along with all budget decisions.

* Fundraising for Blosser Center: Jen Pultz is trying to get donations to support an Atkinson student to participate in the summer Blosser Center summer program, which helps students with learning disabilities. If you can help, please make out a check to the Blosser Center and turn it into the office.

*Vietnamese Volunteer Assistants Stipend- \$1500 (Janet Cowal): This year PSU was able to help secure 2 assistants for Ms Pham for half the year. If Atkinson can contribute \$1500 for next year (matched by PSU) then Ms Pham can have two assistants for next year.

Motion : PTA should give \$1500 to support the Vietnamese language program assistants: 8 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passed.

7. Positions: There is still need for several key volunteers in the 08-09 PTA. The PTA approved the following officers:

Vice President: Jean Hansen (returning)

Treasurer: Jim Laden (returning)

Vacancies include: President and Secretary.