PTA General Meeting Minutes September 16, 2014

Taken by: Carissa Harrison

Members present:

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| Trisha Parks | Tara Griner | Annie Johnson | Anya King |
| Ryan Doern | Rachel Belcher | Natasha Nielsen | Traci Fajardo |
| Dina Birmingham | Constance San Juan | Carissa Harrison | Dunja Jennings |
| Robin Feidelson | Denise Dekker | Cristen Lincoln | Peggy Tims |
| Erich Brill | Diana Cameron | Pia Nicastro | Martha Horner |

Meeting brought to order by President Trish Parks

* Trish thanked Principal Dibblee and teachers for attending the first PTA meeting of the school year.
* This is an abbreviated meeting due to Back to School Night activities.

Report from Treasurer

* We will discuss budget deficit in the next general meeting
* Treasurer’s report is updated each month and posted on PTA bulletin board
* There is a missing line in the printed budget provided at this meeting: carry over balance from the last fiscal year. Corrected copy will be posted on the PTA bulletin board.

2014-15 PTA Board Positions

* Trish introduced PTA Board positions and volunteer roles
  + Trisha Parks, President
  + Natasha Nielsen, Treasurer
  + Annie Johnson, Fundraising Chair
  + Cristen Lincoln, Member-at-Large (Past Officer)
  + Dunja Jennings, Program Chair
  + Pia Nicastro, Volunteer Coordinator
* Trish noted that anyone who can volunteer for the October PTA events, please contact Pia as soon as possible.
* Trish discussed process for nominating people for the Secretary and Vice President positions. Trish nominated Rachel Belcher for Vice President and Carissa Harrison for Secretary. People can also be nominated from the floor if interested in holding these positions. No other candidates were nominated for these two positions.
* Open election for Vice President and Secretary: Trish asked that all present members vote for one of the candidates for each position on a slip of paper. After collecting the slips of paper, the Treasurer tallied the votes and announced the result: Rachel Belcher received 10 votes for Vice President and Carissa Harrison received 10 votes for Secretary, which is sufficient to elect them to these positions.

Minutes from previous meetings:

* Two sets of minutes to review and approve: May and June.
* Denise moved to approve the May meeting minutes. Seconded by Tracy. Approved.
* June minutes: Constance questioned the amount listed for translation services. It does not match what’s in the budget. Natasha noted that there is a typo in the budget. Translation services should be listed as $200, not $300. Natasha will correct that in the budget and post the corrected budget after the meeting.
* Tracy moved to approve the June meeting minutes. Seconded by Cristen. Approved.

Report from OLG:

* Denise provided an update on the OLG program: Through PTA, we fund 2 part-time positions for the OLG program. Each class gets out in the garden at least once a month. Hopefully we’ll have 2 garden parent reps per class. Our goal is to have at least 1 garden event per month. We are starting a new “Garden in the Cafeteria” program once a month starting Friday, September 19th where we’ll bring fresh produce from the gardens into the cafeteria. In October, every class will get a garden box that they will tend and harvest. We also have a new greenhouse. We’ll be growing a lot of food, even through the winter. A parent has designed an outdoor kitchen space that we’ll be using this year. Friday, Sept 26, all classes will go out into the garden to learn about behavior expectations, see their veggie box, etc. OLG has a signage grant, which we’ll be using to show which garden is which. OLG is going to do a push for more kitchen equipment donations as well.
* Trish thanked Denise for that report and asked that everyone who provides program updates and reports in the future also submit a written report to the secretary so she can attach it to the minutes.

Trish thanked Ivonne for helping out with the ice cream social and Back to School night. It’s been a great start to the year.

Meeting adjourned 8:03p.m.