

Atkinson Elementary PTA-General Membership Meeting
January 9, 2018

Call to Order

President Carissa Harrison called to order the general membership meeting of the Atkinson PTA at 6:33pm on January 9, 2018. The meeting was held in the school library and a quorum of members were present. See attached sign-in sheet (Attachment A)

Approval of Minutes

Kim Jarema presented the minutes of the November general membership meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Principal's Report

Oregon Department of Education Report Card for Atkinson Elementary (Attachment B)

Ivonne Dibblee and Rian Ford (Teaching Staff) provided an overview of the school's 2016-2017 Oregon Department of Education Report Card.

Benchmarking and Student Intervention

A school improvement plan has been built to provide multi-tier systems of support. Students needing more support to meet benchmarks are given additional individualized instruction in the classroom. If there is still more support needed for students to meet benchmarks, student intervention is utilized. Student Intervention provides a specialist to assist teacher and student with extra support and may also assist teacher in the classroom under certain circumstances. Parents are notified of students that need more support thru parent conferences. Teachers may also communicate mid-year during grading periods or by individualized communication. Parents can also initiate a conversation with the teacher if they have a concerns or questions.

President's Report:

Nominating Committee for *elected* board positions

It's time to select a Committee that consists of 3 PTA members (and cannot include the President). Discussion occurred on Board members that may be continuing next school year in the same positions. It was determined there is an immediate need to fill the **elected position of Vice President** (to serve the remainder of this school year and continuing next school year) and for the **elected position of President** to serve next school year.

Other recruiting needs for *appointed* board positions

The board (not the nominating committee) also needs to recruit a new **Fundraising Chair** and a new **Board Member at Large, Spanish Immersion Representative** for the remainder of this school year (ideally people who will remain in those positions for next school year as well). One additional appointed board position that the board will need to fill for next year is **Volunteer Coordinator**.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Robin Romer presented the Treasurer's report (Attachment C).

An easy way to donate to the PTA is through Fred Meyer or Amazon Smile Reward Programs. See the "Fundraising" tab on the Atkinson PTA website for details.

Programs Report

Art Workshops at Vibe for Atkinson Classrooms.

A new opportunity is Vibe Art Workshops for Atkinson Students. This is available to all Atkinson teachers and their classrooms on Mondays and Tuesdays with time available between 10-2. It is funded via Run for Atkinson funds. Classroom reps and PTA members can communicate to teachers about this availability. A walking field trip approval is needed for students to participate.

Scholarship Applications for After-School Programs

Scholarship Applications are now available and can be found in the school office and should be submitted to school secretary. These scholarships are funded by the PTA and are available to those that qualify for free and reduced lunch program.

Volunteer Coordinator Report

Volunteer Needs

The Auction Committee is looking to build their auction volunteer team. More people getting involved will assist those that are already working hard in the committee. There is an urgency for newcomers to become more involved in Atkinson's PTA volunteer needs. This is due to previously involved parents that will have children graduating and will no longer be at Atkinson. Volunteering is a great way to meet other parents, become involved in the community, and to help sustain PTA's addition to Atkinson's enrichment offerings! Contact Kim Jarema at secretary@atkinsonelementarypta.org

Auction Update

Dream Big Auction - February 24th

Auction Tickets are on sale now and early bird pricing is available until January 31st. If someone organizes a group sale of an entire table, each person at the table will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Por Que No Gift Card.

The Auction Committee is still in need of 'Day of Auction' volunteers. Contact Atkinsonauctionpps@gmail.com for more information.

Atkinson Kids Basketball Team

2017-2018 Basketball Season in session

Bradley Cooley, Program Co-Chair, has announced this is the first week of basketball games! Enrollment is very strong with 80 students (grades 3-5) enrolled. There are also 15 parent volunteers to serve as coaches and referees. Games are every Thursday and Friday in the school Gym at 5:30 and 6:45. Come cheer on the teams!

Contact bradleybcooley@gmail.com for more information or to become involved in sustaining this popular program.

Earthquake Committee

Non-Structural Mitigation Work is in progress

Work has been going on inside the building to keep our students safer in the event of an earthquake. The first round of work took place over winter break. Examples of some of the mitigation work consists of securing the cafeteria tables to walls and securing items on the stage such as large wooden cabinets, podium, refrigerator and rolling carts. Bookshelves in the library were also secured.

Preparedness Tuesdays in the school lobby

Mark Strauss and other EP Committee members will be in the school lobby to distribute information on the committee, ways the community can get more prepared, and provide information on how to donate to Atkinson's School Emergency Preparedness supply kit. This will be ongoing throughout the rest of the school year.

Fire on the Mountain Fundraiser – March 6th

A fundraiser will be held for the Earthquake Preparedness Committee at Fire on the Mountain on March 6th from 5-10pm. 25% of sales will be donated. Proceeds will be used to fund purchases for Atkinson's Emergency Preparedness Kit. Items are stored in the brown metal bins in the Outdoor Learning Garden.

Next Earthquake Committee is January 25th. Contact Jamie at jamieqbusch@gmail.com for more information.

Lunar New Year Cultural Night

Lunar New Year – February 16th

This event celebrates the arrival of Spring and prosperity in the New Year. The event will be held on February 16th from 6:30-8:30 in the cafeteria. Food will be catered by local Asian businesses. 5th graders will also be preparing salad rolls in conjunction with the Outdoor Learning Garden Program. A dance group will be performing this year. Raffle prizes will be for Baxter Sports Day Camps. Arts and Crafts will be set up in the gym.

Van Cooley has been coordinating this well attended event for a few years now and is looking for a Co-chair to assist with this event next year. Contact vancooley@leftofsunset.com for more information.

Announcements

- **January (all month):** Silverware drive for the cafeteria (forks and spoons only)
We'd like to move from plastic to actual re-useable forks and spoons to decrease waste. Collection box for donated silverware will be in front lobby. Flyers have been distributed. Teachers will be asked to remind students at lunch to keep the silverware and not discard it.
- **Tuesday, January 16th, All Day:** Atkinson Dines Out fundraiser at Laughing Planet Café, 3320 SE Belmont St. (15% of day's proceeds will benefit Atkinson PTA)
- **Wednesday, February 14th, 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm:** Parents'/ Kids' Night Out Fundraiser
- **Friday, February 16th, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm:** Lunar New Year Cultural Night @ Atkinson
- **Saturday, February 24th 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm:** Atkinson PTA Auction @ Historic Oaks Park Dance Pavilion
- **Tamale Sale** will be sold to help pay for 4th/5th grade overnights. Hand made by Atkinson Parents
- **Wednesday, January 24th 6:30-8:00pm** - An Evening with the Superintendent at PPS 501 N. Dixon.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm. Next General PTA meeting is February 13, at 6:30 pm in the Atkinson Library.

Prepared by Kim Jarema, Secretary

Attachments:

Sign in Sheet (Attachment A)

Oregon Department of Education Report Card for Atkinson Elementary (Attachment B)

Treasurer Report (Attachment C)

Presented on 2-13-2018_____

Approved as **Written** – ~~or Amended~~ – ~~or~~ – ~~Corrected~~

President

Secretary