

PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024, 6:30-8:00 PM Zoom

In Attendance:

Board Members: Jen Lombardi, Melissa White, Kat Barr

General Members: Angie Jenkins, Colleen, Hillary Dameron, Joanne Grismer, Abraham Flaxman, Christine Boyll, Ursula White-Oliver

Call to order: 6:40pm

Introductions: Jen Lombardi

Approval of Dec. Meeting Minutes: Approved

Approval of Feb. Meeting Minutes: Approved

WMS Admin Updates: None

Teacher Updates: None

Student Updates: None

BLT Update: Budget season for next year. Staff are voting on the budget. May need to redo. Likely three FTE cuts. FoWM will cover the second music teacher.

Board Business

- Elect Communication Chair
 - Hilary Dameron nominated by Jen Lombardi. Melissa White seconded.
 - Approved.
- Library Grant Request
 - Board reviewed opportunity grant for library to provide incentives for good behavior and awards for events.
 - Approved.
 - Jen will fill out the grant document.
 - Ursula: Target has a program that provides grants in the form of gift cards. <https://corporate.target.com/sustainability-governance/communities/grants-corporate-giving>
- Help advocating for making the library doors ADA accessible (we currently have a student and a staff member in wheelchairs and getting through the doors if they are not propped open is an issue)
 - Sharon: suggested doing a self-help application
- Admin finally has a plan in place for fasting and prayer for Muslim students observing Ramadan (I asked about it in January). Is there a way to put on next year's calendar for PTSA to request this plan in advance (instead of 10 days in)? Next year Ramadan will be roughly March 1-30.
 - Can we get a member of the muslim community to coordinate these volunteers?
 - Jen will follow up with a potential parent volunteer.
 - Sharon: Principal Taylor was making an effort in a very busy time.

- Permanent Principal hiring process
 - Reach out to the district to make sure their process is followed. Ask for a timeline.
 - <https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/directors-of-schools/school-leader-hiring-process/>
 - There are currently four volunteers for the selection committee.
 - Mr. Manriquez may also be leaving, potentially leaving a vacancy.
 - Joanne: We need a process for families and community to engage with. Making sure that the school district follows their own policy.
 - Should we develop a survey to get a “wish list” from the community for a principal.
 - Is there anti-biased training involved?
- Our school is almost out of printer paper and no more budget to buy more. Can the PTSA buy some?
 - How much do you need? Does the administrative grant not cover it? (Mel to ask Ms. Harris)
 - Can parents contribute paper? Paper drive?
- Plans to reopen the all-gender restroom, but lacking urgency from admin. Also involves transitioning a boys restroom to a girls. One of the stall walls is ripped out, so we need district to prioritize fixing it. Also hoping for volunteers/supplies to cover the urinals in the restroom that will be a girls restroom (a few ideas for this).
 - Send an email to the principal to check on the status?
- Kat: We need a teacher representative on the board.
- Budget process:
 - Kat & Brenna met for the budget committee
 - Met with the principal on the draft budget.
 - Reviewed budget proposal.
 - Ask Ms. Harris: Should we support low income students to get yearbooks?
- Food Pantry:
 - Previously run by the PTSA. Need a volunteer to lead. Or a group.
 - Sharon, Ursula: Clean Greens
 - Joanne has a key for the closet.
 - Joanne offered to take the lead with Sharon and Hiliary.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Band Concert 3/28, WMS Gym
 - Keeping Youth Safe in Central Seattle 3/28, 6:30pm, WMS Cafeteria

Next Meeting:

Adjourn: 8:25pm