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## **November 16, 2017 MLC PTSA Meeting Minutes**

**Called to order** 3:35 pm

**Present:** Jennifer Avery, Angie Garcia, Brynn Avery, Kalin Parsons, Tanya March, Chris Paynter, Alisa Welch, Karleah Scow, Jill Kulas, Elisa Eden, Greta Bergren-Dizon, Melissa Blount, Sommer Stroy, Joelle Graff, Alexa Pearson

### **Financial Report**

- o Joelle distributed copies of treasure's report, showing fundraising profits. She's working on taxes. Scrip sales have switched to Tuesdays. Handed out list of items that we've bought to support classrooms and teachers so far. She continues to communicate with teachers about their budget for class supplies, and make them aware of the PTSA line item in our budget for scholarships for activity/field trip fees. Website has funding request and scholarships page.
- o Book Fair sales profits went to library.

### **Committee and Other Reports**

- o Principal's Report. Alexa. Empress Tree pruned and staying longer. State Testing approaching. TAG nominations in process. Racial Equity meetings had good turn out. Electives going well. Lottery will open in January.
- o Auction Committee Report: Angie. Meet every other week. Next one tomorrow morning after drop off in commons. Email angie for more info. Looking for marketing helpers to create collateral materials, printing, graphic design, PR, ticket sales. Need a person to help coordinate the classroom art projects and volunteers. Jen Avery agreed to take this on, with the help of her daughter, Brynn (10th grade).
- o 50th Anniversary Committee Report. Alisa had first meeting with students, teachers, parents, alumni. Planning events, speaker series, grants. Need marketing experts to help promote.
- o Proposed committees and affinity groups
  - Middle School Parent affinity group
  - High School Parent affinity group
  - Volunteer Committee
  - Marketing and Communications Committee
  - SpED group? Tanya will seek out potential leaders.

### **Unfinished Business**

- o Capital Funds Account - Joelle described the Board's proposal for how to allocate the money left in this account. They're suggesting 3 new line items:
  - Art Department - \$2K

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- Consumable Supplies for Staff -add \$2,500 to this line item.
- Increase Community Building - allocate \$1K for events that bring the community together.
- Jen Avery moved to approve this proposal
- Joelle seconded, all approved
- Info Night Recap. Need ideas for promoting it, getting better attendance.
- Pizza Night Recap. There was low attendance and confusion about whether a fundraiser or community event. We could do a video to promote PTSA events so families know what they are, and generate more interest and engagement.

**New Business**

- New Meeting Time Proposed for Remainder of 2017-2018
  - Sticking with 2nd Thurs 6-7:30. Might consider doing Dec, Jan, Feb. March off-site if we could reserve a large, and quiet enough private room in an appealing restaurant.
- Info Night Planning for January Showing of ScreenAgers.
- Teacher Requests: Ned Haskill is planning a “Circus Storyline” project to promote, PE science, literature arts. Would like to hire professionals from the community to help train the kids for this endeavor. Doing a Chinook Book fundraiser and have left over Run for the Arts money, but not enough to cover all costs. Requesting \$1K to pay for community artists/experts/professionals for skill building with the kids.
  - Jill made a motion to accept his request and cover \$1K of circus, 4x6 expedition fund
  - seconded and approved
- Joelle pointed out teachers also requesting a supply of “chart packs” -a large, sticky note pad they use on their easels for instruction. Jill motioned we buy chart packs for teachers at \$640
  - approved
- Scott brought up starting a Green Team with the support of Portland Eco School Network. He is willing to write grants for it. Need to recruit parents and students. Will propose something more official at next meeting.
- Directories
  - Approved free directories for all families purchased by PTSA in October
  - They are almost done! Thank you to Lauren Nathe

**Announcements**

- Why I'm a PTSA Member - Dr. Tanya March (VP)
  - community building, connections, engagement, support of quality education.
- November/December Events

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- Fall Festival of Shakespeare Saturday Winnestad Theater 10:00
- Hosting Special Education PTA group on 11/29 6:30
- Teddy Bear Toss Winterhawks game on 12/9 ticket sales low.
- Staff Gift Baskets in December (see website or Michelle McKeever)
- Solstice December 14th
- PTSA Volunteer Opportunities
  - SCRIP/Gift card sales
  - Wreath sales
  - Staff Appreciation Baskets
- MLC PTSA at the Clothes Closet – (needs to be rescheduled)
- 2017 MLC PTSA Auction – March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Renaissance Faire (school-wide carnival and faire) – May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- PTSA Meetings: 12/14, 1/11, 2/15, 3/15, 4/12, 5/17

Ended 5:15