

Arleta PTA General Meeting Agenda

November 12 6pm-6:45pm Library

6:00-6:05	Settle in (get pizza and kids settled in)	All
6:05-6:10	Welcome (Thank you Eilidh Lowery, John Horn, Abby Nilsen-Kirby for joining)	Noelle/Melissa
6:10-6:15	Principal Update	John Horn
6:15-6:20	Meeting Procedures (formal PTA business) 1. Approve minutes	Noelle
6:20-6:25	Treasurer Report	Chelsea
6:25-6:30	Teacher Grants	Chelsea
6:30-6:35	Teacher Appreciation	Erin
6:35-6:40	Playground Improvements Update	Shelley
6:45	PTA meeting adjourned	

Arleta PTA General Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2019
6:10 - 7:30pm

Attendance: Sign in sheet

Call to Order: The General meeting of the Arleta School PTA was called to order at 6:10pm at Arleta School on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, by Arleta PTA Co-President Melissa Sircy. Introductions followed.

Reminder to members from last year that membership expires at the end of October and to pay again for this year. New members, \$10. Allows for voting.

Approval of Minutes: We approved the minutes of September 10, 2019, without changes.

Approval of Standing Rules: No questions on standing rules, passed with no changes.

2019/20 Budget: Chelsea reviewed the budget that was drafted by the Budget Committee. Some new things to budget to note:

- Hope to exceed last years amount for Dolphin Drive.
- Corn Maze tickets at Bella Organics.
- Dine In Nights income upped since did so well already.
- Bottle Drop.
- New movie licensing for movie nights added for community events.
- Increase for Middle School support.
- Playground listed as open line item to be updated when plans are developed later

Questions on Budget: Regan ask to clarify what some of the events are since she's new to the school. Explained the "buy-nothing" Dolphin Drive Fundraiser, bottle drop and dine-ins.

- Bottle drop: We have pre labeled bags to fill. Arleta allowed 10 bags a day, nets about \$10 per bag. If every family did one bag, we could potentially raise over \$5000. Question about Bottle Drop: Are they set up around the school? Diana response, no, because there is a teacher that already collects them, but she does have one in her office that they are collecting for bottle drop.
- Dine-Ins: Focusing on local businesses, especially around Foster area for now. These garner 10%-20% back to the PTA for designated Dine-In day/night.

Contact Chelsea with questions on the budget. Budget passed with no changes.

Yes for Teachers/Yes for Kids Campaign Presentation:

Scott Bailey presented information about the Teacher's Levy renewal and asked for the Arleta PTA to endorse it. This is a Portland property tax and is not changing, only up for renewal. No increase in taxes! There will be a voters pamphlet in a couple of weeks for the special election in November. Need to spread the word, especially to the non-parent community. Campaign funded by Teachers Union/Construction Trades/Architects/Nike/Other major corporations.

Question: Is there any concern that voters will think schools received money from the Student Success Act so the levy is unnecessary? Response: We need to educate people about what the impact could be if the levy does not pass. \$90 Million contributed from the levy. About 60% Classroom teachers/EA's/Books, about 20% Principles/Secretaries/Libraries, about 14%

IT/Computers, about 5% Central Office. If levy does not pass it would mean major classroom cuts. 7 teachers at Arleta and 25 teachers at Franklin are funded by the levy.

We voted to approve endorsing the levy.

Scott will be happy to come back to discuss other issues in the district. Diana asks that he return after January to discuss the Middle School transition/question.

Student Success Act & Community Meetings:

Otto Schell presented information about the Student Success Act (SSA).

The SSA was a much needed infusion into Oregon education due to the lack of funding for years. Up until 1995, education was primarily funded through local property tax, but Measure 5 changed to personal income tax, which was not enough and the state legislature didn't act. Oregon PTA sued the state to properly fund, and corporations stepped up to support, which led to the SSA - \$2 Billion per Biennium. PPS will receive about \$40 million annually for the two years, and PPS will be holding community meetings over the next couple weeks to hear from folks how they think the money should be prioritized. July 2020 we will know more about how the act is doing money generating wise.

Question: Diana, What about high needs or special education? Scott: Focuses more on socioeconomic status, double weighted for poverty, half weighted for language. Wrap around services/medically fragile, will offer real time support. Diana: We need more high needs support, not coaching. We need more bodies for support. Scott: Schools should get both.

Scott emphasized the importance of showing up to the community meetings and talk about where the money needs to go. Community meetings: Lents: Thursday, October 17; Fabian: Saturday, October 19th; Roosevelt: Tuesday, October 22nd; Pioneer: Thursday, October 24th. You can submit your testimony even if can't attend. The voice of the community is so important. These will be reflected in the next budget cycle because the money is not there yet.

Question: Shelley: Do we look out of state as well for ideas/examples?

Scott: Yes, for the core stuff.

Arleta PTA is encouraging members to attend the meeting at Lents on Oct 17 to push for more teachers and staff to reduce class sizes and support special needs kids

Scott requested ongoing feedback so he can be a voice in the legislature.

Updates: Programs/Projects/Events:

- Playground: Shelley gave an update on the work so far. Group of parents met with Depave to see what is possible. Still in gathering info stage and did a walkthrough of the grounds. Some things were noticed during walkthrough: Safety issues and repairs that hopefully will be covered by PPS and some cleaning and repainting that needs to happen. We need to come up with ideas then the plan for the playground. Some ideas include swings and possibly turning part of the field into a nature playground. Learning Landscape Design is another resource and they have neat ideas that focus on learning and outdoor spaces. They also have great ideas about getting teachers and students involved with what they would like to see on the playground.

Everything is fairly expensive, but can start small or do phases. Can be all volunteer, some combined volunteer and work with contractors and designers. Hard to determine project when we don't really know a budget. Chelsea reminded there is some money in

reserves if we can get a clear picture of what would like to be done. Shelley: There are also grants available. Depave is also willing to work with us to save money. Not locked in if we find volunteers that can do some, it will just decrease the cost. Diana stated it is important to include the community as well since we are a neighborhood school. Molly: Depave is coming to next PTA meeting. Elena (parent & Creston Playground Committee member): said they did a Google survey that could be voted on. Also asked kids for ideas from favorite parks. They managed the entire project on their own, but did have an architect/designer as part of their community. They had a budget of \$40,000.

General discussion about the playground: Comments regarding the field being unusable right now and that it would be used if it was actually in better condition. Molly had turf priced out and it was over \$200,000 for the size of our field. Shelley: We need to decide if we are doing it all or if we need to bring in someone. What are our resources? Access to materials? Diana: 1st step is talk to the community and include the non-Arleta school community input. Can contact Shelley Rouleau shelleycantlon@gmail.com or Amy Bratton amybratton@gmail.com (co-chairing the committee) with questions/ideas/etc. You can also email ArletaSchoolPTA@gmail.com and we can forward.

- Disaster Preparedness: Erin: There will be a presentation Thursday, November 7th, 6-8pm with experts from Mult. Co. on emergency preparedness and what happens at Arleta in the event of a disaster..
- Teacher Appreciation: Erin: Would like volunteers to buy or bake sweet and savory Fall treats for staff to bring in on Friday, October 18th. Please contact Erin if would like to bring in anything. Does not have to be homemade. The PTA will provide cider.

Principle Update:

- Diana met with Katie (Visual Arts Committee chair) walked the building and decided it was best to start with the front hall, especially since that is the main entrance for most and once we are back to K-5, all students will probably be in the main building. Considering a mural with shapes/themes/ideas/community input. Create images that represent the entire community and art of different cultures. There are a lot of muralists in the community offering to help.
- The new water stations are working great to remove lead from water. First tests were very positive; 4 stations less than 1pm; 3 tests came back with 0 lead detection! Water bottles were donated and students can get one in the office.

Adjourn: 7:40pm