

Arleta PTA General Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

6:08 PM - 7:20 PM

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Attendance: The General meeting of the Arleta School PTA was called to order at 6:08 PM at Arleta School on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, by Arleta PTA Co-president Melissa Sircy.

Guest attending: Ellie, our guest, from Marysville School, visited. They are formally organizing a PTA. They are deciding between PTA and PTO. She wants to see how we conduct business.

Approval of minutes: We approved the minutes of November 12, 2019, without changes. Carrie motioned to approve. Chelsea seconded. Minutes were approved.

Budget report: Chelsea presented an updated budget. (Formatting will be changed for next month.) We exceeded our goal for Dolphin Drive. Everything else is on track.

In the fall, we did an internal audit of the previous year. It is more detailed in requirements than in the past. We tweaked the record keeping, as required. All of our money was accounted for.

Teacher Grants: Because we have new teachers, we decided to offer grants at the beginning of the year, instead of in the spring. We were able to approve everything requested, except for things that can be acquired from PPS or elsewhere for free. Laura Bullard had a big ask of Walking Classroom kits, which we approved, since it benefits all 4th and 5th graders.

Playground Committee: Shelly of the Playground Committee needs a budget amount to get started. They gave a survey to John Horn to give to teachers to see what they think we need. Later they will survey students. We asked the PC to give the PTA three proposals of mild, medium, and wild, so we can determine possible budget amount. Amy is the co-chair. She is leaving the position, and Shelly's family is moving. **So they are looking for a new chair for Playground Committee!**

Visual Arts Committee: Katy has looked at the school and found many places to beautify, both outside and inside. She is picking a starting point of the entryway. The corner where the drinking fountains are is the first place for a mural. The teacher portrait wall will also be painted.

***Nicole will hang and frame new pictures. There will be opportunities to help out. \$500 worth of paint is needed, if purchased new. ***Taryn is helping to make phone calls to Ace Hardware, who might donate, as they did for playground maze. She will also check weekly-ish for "oops" paints at Home Depot and donate them. There is a line item for school beautification we can access. PPS may donate primer. With the paint we gather, we can keep the pallet throughout the school. Front hall/open doors is the next project.

We did the weaving project two years ago, and only two of them ever made it onto the wall. The rest of them are framed. They are in storage somewhere. Teachers have asked about them.

***John will ask if Brad has seen them. ***Can visual arts committee come up with an idea for that? Laura Bullard and Sally can be asked about the project.

Laurelwood Shelter Volunteer Project: Laurelwood Shelter is a 120 person shelter, prioritizing women and partners, with pets allowed. They provide breakfast and a hot dinner. They love to have community organizations provide sack lunches. We are assembling them on February 14, with Arleta families. We are inviting teachers to have students decorate the bags. Sarah needs a helper to set up the assembly line. ***Tracey volunteered! ***Chelsea volunteered too!

Principal update: John showed a video that was featured in PPS *The Pulse* of teacher band! He and Britt are working a lot of hours to get Arleta up to speed. They are revamping the entire master schedule. They are trying to implement MTSS. These are things that are hard to start in the middle of the year.

Behavioral expectations are changing. We are giving students more time to get to class, to cut down on tardiness. There is no sound to let them know they should be there. That will change, and a bell with chime. They now have 4 minutes instead of 3, and they will 5 to get back from lunch. We weren't meeting the core minutes required. They new schedule will.

Middle school schedule requires a quarter of Health and a quarter of PE.

7th grade classes were huge. They created an additional section of math and language arts.

MTSS stands for Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. It is integral to what we are trying to accomplish. MTSS is a combination of RTI and PBIS. We build the system of help into the program, rather than wait for students to struggle. Intervention happens before the struggle. We are in cohort 1 and should have unrolled it this year. When John arrived, we had not jumped into this appropriately. We will do it all over again next year, so we can receive the program and do it well.

Read more about MTSS here: <https://www.pps.net/domain/5007>

There are weekly "staff meetings" (John thinks of them as professional development meetings). They have laid out for the year how to get the teachers prepared for unrolling MTSS next year.

We are reigning in behaviors during lunch and recess, including throwing food, swearing, etc. The expectations are be respectful, be responsible, be safe. John's philosophy is that when a kid misbehaves, you ask yourself, "What does a kid need to learn, and how can I teach it?" Punishment is not the best teacher.

Family movie night: This Friday! It's the first one, at 6pm in cafeteria. Bring camp chairs, blankets, pillows. The film will be *Abominable*.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next general meeting of the Arleta PTA will be February 11, 2020.

Attachments:

A: Sign in sheet

Date presented: _____

Approved as Written – or – Amended

President

Secretary