

Arleta PTA General Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Attendance: Sign in sheet attached. (Attachment A)

Call to order: The General meeting of the Arleta School PTA was called to order at 6:11 PM at Arleta School, on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, by Arleta PTA Co-President Melissa Sircy. Introductions followed.

Approval of Minutes: We approved the minutes of May 14, 2019, without changes. (Motion: Attachment B)

What is PTA about? Dues paying membership gets us non-profit status through national PTA. PTA generates volunteers within the school for community connection, teacher assistance, and environmental improvement projects.

Budget report:

How will we make money this year, and how will we spend it? This will be discussed at the budget committee meeting on Tuesday, September 24. We put money to work right away, but we have a surplus that has slowly built over the years.

Budget requests have been solicited from Theater Club, Garden Committee, and Lego League.

Question from parent: What is teacher involvement?

All teachers are invited and welcome. (Two teachers came to this meeting: J. Bidney and G. Patterson.) We would love more teachers involved.

Question from PTA: Does anyone have anything they would like to see us work for as a goal? Responses: Art, playground equipment upgrades, large panels to cover chain link fence, art exhibits. Paint the bathrooms. (Katie has paint to donate.)

Jessica: the top two budget requests from general members always seems to be playground improvements and visual art. It takes time and effort, a.k.a. parent involvement.

Two years ago, teachers wanted to put together students to paint stall doors in bathrooms. Sarah will reach out to teachers and see if they're still interested.

Diana: Art committee could coordinate with teachers to spend run for the arts money. We have performing arts (music and theater), but we need visual arts.

Franny: we can change environment, but we can also celebrate our community, like Gardening Committee and Halloween Dance.

Katie and Regan want to put a committee together to get artwork as part of the school.

Playground improvements: Noelle has reached out to Lewis to discuss their natural park. Shelley said she would look into Child's Work. Allison says if we apply for a grant to improve the playground, most grants want you to match funding. Chelsea: instead of raising all the funds, realistically we could replace pieces.

Molly reached out to Depave for someone to come out. Her cousin does field turf. Laurelhurst just did field turf, and Molly is getting advice on how to navigate.

Diana: students and teachers want swings.

Oliver: City Repair Project does great work around town, busting through city bureaucracy to get improvements made.

Question from parent: Did PTA budget money to get computers to incorporate programming curriculum and STEM technology?

Franny: Middle school has a new coding class. Jessica: EG Robotics will work with SUN to introduce if we reach out to them. They cost money. Matt: Little coders is a possibility. They work with Glenco, and Matt will contact them. Diana: Coding with Kids will be here in the fall. (They are not part of SUN.)

Fundraising report:

Upcoming events:

- K/1 ice cream social, 9/19: There will be a corn maze ticket sales at ice cream social. They will split ticket sales with us.
- Back to school nights, 9/26 and 10/3: Teachers will talk about their programming, and we would like to evolve it. Parent suggestion: Make a video for parents who miss it.
- Dine-in 9/22, Atlas Pizza, 4pm-close. We get 20% of the proceeds. There are flyers to post around the school.
- Dutch Bros "Bucks for Kids," 9/27.
- Clothing Center, 10/3: PPS clothing center is run by PTA. It's at Madison High School. October 3 is the day for Arleta PTA. We need 4-8 people to help out, anytime 9am-1pm. Help people shop for clothes, or sort and hang clothes.

- Fall Family Dance: We need a committee to plan it, and Carrie will ask about a DJ. HR will send post mortem notes from last year's Halloween Dance.

Atlas, 5+10, and Thunderbird are businesses owned by Arleta families. Let them know you are Arleta when you go in. It helps us when we have an ask for them. Robotaco is former Arleta and still donates.

Easy ways to raise money for Arleta: Visit smile.amazon.com to set your purchases to benefit Arleta. You can do the same with Fred Meyer rewards as well.

Molly is looking into a bottle drop account for Arleta.

Reed college does a 5K every year, and Molly will ask to get money next year. Arleta families should participate this year. You can get 75% off entry fees by using the code "Arleta 19" (without quotation marks).

Principal's Update: Site council is required. Must be a balance of teachers and parents to support our school improvement plan, which has a literacy goal, math goal, and climate goal. It's a three-year plan. Student engagement needs to be improved. PPS is really pushing to create plans with families so when a new principal comes in, the plan is in place.

We are on the cusp of becoming CSI/TSI school and therefore have been thrown into the pool with actual CSI/TSI schools to buffer us. We had low SBAC scores.

Mondays are currently the site council meetings. It is a monthly meeting. Send Diana an email if interested.

We will increase monthly community celebrations this year. Over 80% of our students are doing what is expected, so we will lean into celebrating them, rather than putting more emphasis on kids who are having unexpected behaviors. Our school counselors will spearhead this. There will be a theme. Last month it was naming the school's dolphin mascot.

Staffing: We have 529 students, up from 492 last year. PPS is only doling out seven FTE spots to the whole of PPS. Our 7th grade is bursting.

We get \$47K in funding + \$32K more based on enrollment. We will try to buy some FTE after other budget items are accounted for.

PPS is moving towards "guaranteed viable curriculum." J. Bidney and other teachers planned this curriculum.

Side note from parent: Fans are needed in the new 3/4 classroom!

Classroom liaison: Matt tries to gather info and disseminate it to classrooms. He needs a classroom representative for each classroom in order to do this. Let the PTA know if you are interested in being the classroom rep for your child's class.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Attachments:

A: Sign in sheet

B: Motion 1

Date presented: _____

Approved as Written – or – Amended (circle one)

President

Secretary