

PTA General Meeting

October 12, 2021

6:05-7:20 pm

This meeting was held via Zoom.

**Attendees:** Tracy Hulleman, Carrie Bowers, Heather Pearson, Erin Frank, Robin Moore, Denise Castañon, Sheryl Moren, Sondra Blair, Amy Waggoner, Melissa Sircy, Jarod Jacobs, Melissa Rinehimer, Sarah Johnson, Nicole Irish, John Horn, Melissa Olin, Nicole (no last name)

**Call to Order:** This Meeting was officially called to order by Co-President Carrie Bowers at 6:05 pm; A Quorum for this meeting was met.

**Announcements:**

John Horn announced that SUN School is starting Monday, October 18th; There will be a Mon/Wed group and Tues/Thurs group.

Robin Moore- Secretary for PTSA at Kellogg Middle School is requesting seed money from all five feeder schools including Arleta PTA. The Oregon PTA provided \$250 but all donations would be greatly appreciated to support this new group in its founding year.

Picture Retakes has not yet been scheduled.

**Principal Update:**

John Horn reports that a part-time Art Teacher (Courtney Potts) was officially hired and will start working with kids on 10/13.

He is working with people from the Youth Empowerment Project

Donations for the garden club were found in cleaning the 7/8th grade science room including lots of gardening tools.

SUN school will be providing social services supports in addition to after school program this year.

Run for the Arts: There will be a meeting this Friday (10/15) to discuss a potential art project. There is \$28,000 left to be used in this budget. This will be an all school project and will probably involve creating wooden nature pieces to paint and then attach to the chain link fence around the back of the school. There will be a growth mindset curriculum to go along with the project.

Home Covid Testing: This is being coordinated with the central office and OHSU for all families who opt in; Tests will be sent with students and completed at home and then the samples will be collected at school and kept in a cooler until OHSU comes to pick them up on Thursdays; Results will be provided to families. All decisions regarding test results and possible quarantine plans will be determined by the district and OHA and will NOT be up to individual schools.

The central office has been providing some support during lunch. To follow 6 feet social distancing guidelines some students are now eating in the hallways so there are multiple areas that now need to be supervised during each lunch period. John will be seeking volunteers to spray dots on the grass so kids know where to place their blue mats when eating outside to help maintain a 6 foot distance.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Inclusion Committee and Family Engagement Committee:** Sheryl Moren reports that they are trying to find a way for the community to celebrate this fall; Should we celebrate Días De Los Muertos? We need to do it in a respectful, mindful, and accurate way. Are there any Latinx families who would like to help with this small project? Please contact Sheryl Moren from the Inclusion Committee or Nicole Irish from Family Engagement. It will be something small this year but they would like to start planning for next year

**Treasurer Report-** Budget for the 2021-22 school year was presented and reviewed by Melissa Rinehimer (see attachment).

The PTA is covering dues for one family member per household so there is a larger budget for membership this year.

Literacy book project- Sheryl Moren reports that this will help support the curriculum that the students have so it is more inclusive; There will be multiple copies of each book so all kids in each reading level can get the same book grouping; Treasa Street is leading this project.

DEI- These are inclusive books that will be purchased to fill in the general library that any kid can check out.

Green Team- plans to sell yard signs to purchase a non-disposable water bottle for each student and possibly a trash can for the playground.

Gathering Space Upgrades- could be used for Auditorium upgrades (sound and lighting) or possibly an outdoor gathering space or shelter; This will be discussed in greater detail at the next board meeting.

\$500 donated to Kellogg PTSA for seed money to start their association.

Oregon Battle of the Books- budget was increased from last year;

Maker Faire- This year each student will be getting a home project to take home and complete. Treasa Street, the librarian, will be leading these projects.

LEGO League- Does anyone want to take this on for next year? There are currently leftover funds that will be absorbed next year if the club does not continue.

Inclusion Committee- This is a new line item this year. They plan to use some funds to bring in speakers, update bulletin boards/decor, and for sensory motor support.

Family Engagement: This is also a new line item for this year. They will use funds for community events, hygiene station replenishment, Arleta clothing closet.

Goldenball- carryover fund- no longer an active club so we will absorb this amount into the general fund.

**A motion was made by Carrie Bowers to approve the budget as amended;** The motion was seconded by Denise Castañon and received 11 votes in favor.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Friday, 10/15 treats will be provided.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the General Meeting on September 14th, 2021 were approved as written and accepted into record.

**Raffle Winner:** Sarah Johnson

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Signed into record with / without changes on \_\_\_\_\_.

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President

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Secretary