

Arleta PTA General Meeting Minutes

March 8th, 2022

6:00-7:30 pm

This meeting was held via Zoom

Attendees: Carrie Bowers - Co-President (member), Denise Castañon (member), Noelle Luchs, Melissa Olin (member), Melissa Rinehimer (member), Sarah Johnson (member), Philip Rafferty, Sondra Blair (member), Sheryl Moren (member), Erin Frank (member), Melissa Sircy (member), Raina Bilbrew (SUN guest)

Call to Order: This meeting was officially called to order by Carrie Bowers, Co-President at 6:03 pm. A quorum was met.

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Introductions: attendees were invited to introduce themselves and shared fun Spring Break plans

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from our February general meeting have been posted for review. The minutes were accepted into record without change.

Nominating Committee: Erin Frank, Denise Castañon and Sarah Johnson make up our Nominating Committee this year. We are especially looking for a treasurer and secretary, but also other positions. More information will be shared broadly with the community. Please think about Arleta community members you know and talk with them about join the PTA as a board member. Email Erin Frank at Erin@erinfrank.com to ask questions or share nominations.

Amended Budget: Melissa Rinehimer, Treasurer shared an amended budget for the membership to review and vote on. The changes included:

- Line item for 'PTA meetings' reduced from \$750 to \$150, to cover expenses if we have in person meetings in April and/or May
- Add \$150 to the Communications line item for Nominating Committee expenses
- Increase teacher grants to \$4,850 to cover additional shipping costs

Melissa Sircy made a motion, Sondra seconded and vote passed to approve amended budget.

Volunteer request for someone to lead the 5th grade promotion/celebration

Ask for silent auction item – gift cards, services, items that we can share in a silent auction being planned this spring.

Update from Principal Rafferty

Staffing update:

- One 3rd grade teacher will transition to 1st grade
- Music teacher will go down to .5, and we'll share Mr. Misha with Atkinson School
- Gain .5 social worker through separate pandemic funding to support student wellbeing, shared with Woodmere.
- Ms. Blei will become a full time counselor
- Continue to have fulltime + .5 reading specialists

Masking in Schools: Beginning March 14, masking will be option both indoors and outdoors. Continue to stress handwashing, monitor illness and provide weekly testing. Should be getting information as soon as tomorrow, March 9, 2022 with updated information about indoor spacing guidelines.

Connect to Kindergarten: Virtual meeting on 4/25 and 5/23 with some in person social time in June and over the summer. Need to get the word out and will post flyers around the neighborhood. Can host in person tours led by other parents starting in April or May.

School Events:

- Red Yarn will work with kinders 3/29-4/26
- K-2 Concert in the Auditorium 5/6
- 1st Grade Parade

Reminders:

- Lunch volunteer
- Check the Dolphin Digest newsletter for weekly updates
- School messenger

SUN Program Introduction & Update by Raina Bilbrew

Raina joined the Arleta SUN program a few months ago. Raina was previously at Mt. Scott running the Teen program, and at Faubion working in the preschool program.

SUN stands for Schools Uniting Neighborhoods - its is meant to be a community hub to find and locate resources and support families accessing what they need, along with providing enrichment opportunities.

Raina's goal is to make SUN classes exciting for students, and be able to encourage students to improve behavior with SUN to provide an incentive

Working with Sondra to find a garden educator, which will really boost our garden curriculum and outdoor learning.

We have a Family Resource Navigator on staff to support families accessing resources.

Looking for instructors for spring term and summer camps! The position would be part time for Spring and full time in the Summer. Email Raina if interested: rbilbrew@pps.net

Spring classes are scheduled to started on 3/28 - with class offerings shared with families on 3/14, and due back on 3/18.

Southeast Guiding Coalition Update from Sondra Blair

At what was supposed to be the last SEGC meeting a couple weeks ago, a vote was made to determine the final proposal which landed at 60% approval. PPS determined that was enough to move the proposal to the board. However, a group of SEGC members took issue with several conditions and requirements that PPS required the coalition to work under, such as not including the inner SE schools of Llewelyn and Duniway (affluent, predominately white, and overcrowded), and wrote a dissenting opinion, which over half of the members signed onto. This led PPS to extend the SEGC process and added two meetings to continue reviewing proposals. The goal of the March 31st meeting is to compare the F3 proposal with the one(s) that get developed up until then. April 26th is the scheduled PPS board meeting to vote on the final SEGC proposal and the grandfathering policy.

The SEGC changes are going into effect in the 2023-24 school year. It's likely that students who have started at a school, can stay at that school through the highest grade (i.e. grandfathering), unless a whole program is moving (i.e. dual-language).

Sondra recommends that families interested in engaging or sharing feedback, should email the PPS board ahead of the March 31st SEGC meeting.

The next PTA meeting is April 12, 2022