

Arleta PTA General Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2010

6:10 - 7:25 PM

Attendance: Sign in sheet [ATTACHMENT A].

Call to Order: The general meeting of the Arleta PTA was called to order at 6:10 PM, by Co-president Melissa Sircy.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of January 14, 2020, were approved, with Carrie motioning and Chelsea seconding approval.

Budget Report: Tamales sale was short. Dolphin drive was a success.

K-5 Conversion, Boundary Shift, and Principal Hiring: Kristyn Westphal, Area Senior Director supporting Arleta, spoke at our meeting to address these two questions: Are we becoming a K-5? When and what are boundary changes? Boundary shifts are a lengthy process, because they want community input. PPS Pulse sent a survey today to that regard.

FLO Analytics is being used to decide how PPS is using space. Planning Committee applications will be open beginning February 26, 2020. The Planning Committee will meet March to June.

The PPS website has a lot of information regarding these processes.

Fall 2021 is when Kellogg is expected to open, so boundary and K-5 decisions will be made in the summer.

Kellogg doesn't have enough space to accommodate all five K-8 schools that may convert to K-5.

Paper applications for the position of Principal are being reviewed. February 20, internal candidates will begin to be interviewed. Parents will be on the hiring panel. The superintendent will ultimately decide. This is a similar process to the one that hired our previous principal, but it has been tweaked.

The position is probationary for two years. Community input will inform the final decision made.

If you have questions, Ms. Westphal can be reached at kwestphal@pps.net.

Nominating Committee: We need to start thinking about the PTA board for next year. We need a nominating committee, which functions to do outreach, letting parents know about the open roles. Sarah will provide information on last year's process. Denise is interested in being on the nominating committee. We vote at the May meeting on next year's Board. The term begins in July, and it's a one year term. Heather Rose and Carrie will also join. Taryn is signing up for more information.

Sack Lunch Assembly: We only need bread. Taryn is going to donate 2 loaves of bread on Thursday evening. Sandwiches are being made Thursday, and assembly will happen on Friday after school.

Sweet side note: We will be giving popcycles on Friday, Valentine's day.

Forks and Spoons Project: Eco Schools Network donated utensils to our school. A video is being made for students, informing them about the program, so they hopefully won't throw away the utensils at lunch. Parent volunteers will be needed for a few lunch periods once the utensils are put to use, to stand at the trash to make sure students don't throw them away.

Katya Reyna of Depave: Depave rips up asphalt and replaces it with green spaces. Depave worked at Arleta in 2013. The objectives are mitigating heat and preventing storm water runoff. They focus on community driven work parties. They are helping to undo the racist practice of redlining.

Price is determined by how large of a space we want to depave. Removing asphalt is costly. Depave can help write a grant. There is 5-6 inches of asphalt on school grounds. Stephen Smith, ssmith7@pps.net. Project Manager, of PPS is passionate about Depave and will supply the boxes for almost all projects. Excavating is not covered by PPS. What we replace it with will also cost money.

Tree wells, rain gardens are easiest to get permitted. Natural play structures take longer to get approved. Crew leader training is on April 25, and they are recruiting!

Depave needs to know by December what project they are doing in the following year.

You can typically get free trees now. 10x10 is the minimum tree well.

Mural update: PPS approved the mural. Taryn got the primer donated. Home Depot donated 5 gallons of paint. Other supplies are needed. Katy has a wish list. She needs volunteers, Tuesday evenings mostly.

OBOB: Arleta and 21 other schools will be here for regionals. Chelsea will reach out to OBOB families for volunteers. PTA is selling concessions.

Spring Thing: Adults only fundraiser. Save the date - Sunday, April 26.

Principal Update: Expecting pushback from 6-8th graders. Swearing at an adult is not OK. There is a lot of that going on. Changing how we get into the cafeteria. He is happy with how things are moving along. We have trouble getting substitute teachers. He will be gone the week after spring break. There are a few middle school dances coming up.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

The next general meeting of the Arleta PTA will be March 10, 2020.

Attachments:

A: Sign in sheet

Date presented: _____

Approved as Written - or Amended

President

Secretary