

General Meeting October 10th, 2017

15 Members Present: Torrey Edwards, Liza Yore, Melissa Johnson, Kimberly Richards, Michelle Dowdy, Stephanie Moen, Nikki Coyne, Kim Auman, Alicia Moore, Sarah Kennedy, Sarah Newell, Barbara Forsman, Denise Need, Diana Christiansen, JoAnn Todd

2 Guests: Michelle Sceppa, David Wellington (NSD Assistant Superintendent - Elementary Education)

Called to order by President Liza at 6:30pm.

Sarah Newell motioned to approve the minutes from the last General Meeting, May 23, 2017. Nikki Coyne seconded. Approved.

Principal's Report

In respect to Mr Wellington's time, we moved up the Principal's Report in the agenda. Mrs. Todd communicated her departure from the position of Principal, which she let us know she has also been personally communicating to the students. It will be effective once a replacement has been found, which is why Mr. Wellington joined us; he asked for any input from the members on what we believe the new Principal should be like, or be made aware of, while they progress through interviews next week.

Mrs. Todd also reported that the Veteran's Assembly will be held November 9th, and please spread the word and invite Veteran's we know to attend.

Watch DOGS is in need of a new lead.

Dr. Reid will be having a parent talk before school (8:30-9:30am) on Friday, November 28th. Also very excited to report that a presenter at the Washington STEM Conference wants to highlight us via a 30-ish person field trip.

Finally she shared the video the staff put together for the back-to-school assembly. Fun!

Treasurer's Report

Kim reviewed changes that were made to the budget at the end of last year. Highlights included removing the Fun Run and Clothing Drive, changing to the Auction budget to reflect the hope of a smaller, annual event, covering Time for Kids, and general changes to account for our new student population with the boundary change.

There were questions about the Spelling Bee (Killam & Lamba are willing to be checkers, but we'd still need a pronouncer - maybe approach Mrs. Young, still?) Mrs. Zimmerman is considering taking over Writing Club, but probably not until next year. And there seemed to be some confusion between Coding for Kids and Programming Club, and we will continue to work through whether those will both proceed, or if it feels like too much overlap, etc. Will we be

able to provide Spanish? Looks like we will have to continue that discussion.

Finally, she reported that a Finance Review was completed for 2016-2017. There were 3 potential issues we need to address:

- 1) Getting 2 signatures on any contracts
- 2) Making sure our PT Avenue count matches
- 3) Our equipment on school grounds (clarifying whether or not we have any, what type, etc)

Michelle Dowdy motioned to approve the budget as stands. Nikki Coyne seconded. Approved.

President and Co-President Report

We were supposed to be going over our Goals and Mission, but as we are in the midst of a Principal change, Liza suggested we continue as we are and then revisit changes once we've met the replacement and found our common ground. Diana Christiansen motioned to approve our current Goals and Mission, Denise Need seconded. Approved.

Standing Rules need to be updated to comply with changes made at the state level. We also updated the Committee Chairs to reflect changes. See attachments with changes. Nikki Coyne moved to accept, Sarah Kennedy seconded. Approved.

Ways and Means Report

Currently without a VP.

Liza reported on Pass the Hat. Given previous records, giving is tracking about as expected.

Barbara asked if we could check the records for how much was via matching last year, as so far none of it has been matched this year. Reminders will be sent out. Last year we asked for more, but people gave less. This year we asked for less, and most everyone gave that amount. There are some people who haven't registered, of course - maybe utilize room parents to follow up with them?

Nikki reported that Popcorn Passes went into teacher boxes today. We need more poppers.

Auction: Torrey reported that a venue has been booked - Brightwater Center - for Friday, April 27, 2018. The time is currently set for 6:30-10pm. We have also chosen Twelve Baskets to cater it. We believe a ticket price of \$40 would cover those expenses. With those major, more time-sensitive matters settled, we will try to meet with all of those interested in helping out to break into committees and work out details. Planned for Thursday night, November 2nd in the Activity Room. 6:30-8:30pm.

Advocacy

Charla not present to report. Liza mentioned October 21 is the Legislative Assembly, which will also include trainings. There will be a District speaker at the January General Meeting to discuss bonds & levies. JoAnn mentioned that the streetlights we're hoping for with the later start time will actually be requested out of the budget for that transition, rather than general capital projects.

Family Life and Health

Melissa gave a brief introduction to their programs. She is still looking for a Co-VP or someone to bring along as a future replacement. Always looking for more volunteers!

Community Outreach

Sarah Newell gave a brief intro to her programs. Thank you to previous volunteers for our successful first day coffees and picture day. We need volunteers for the Veteran's Assembly Reception. Nikki is working on the Turkey Trot with PE teacher Mrs. Gray. Mrs. Todd requested that we keep in mind during Food Drives and Glving Tree that we do have more families looking for food over the weekends, so while we should certainly support Hopelink, etc, let's consider a good portion goes to our direct community as well.

Enrichment Report

Sarah Kennedy is VP and brought in so many great opportunities. There was some voiced concern from the membership, however, that as with the Violin Club that had to cancel, maybe we are causing too much competition between activities when we have so many? Maybe next year there can be an attempt at "mapping" it all out, keeping in mind when some vendors are available, and when more students have conflicts, etc. Allowing families to make informed choices and not missing out.

Missoula is ready to get going soon. This year's play is Jack & the Beanstalk - not a princess play! Art Docent: We have a Chair for this! All classes are covered by volunteers now!

Special Needs Representative

Denise reports we are glad to have this position, and were the 2nd PTA within our Council to add it once it was approved. October is dyslexia awareness month. There was some voiced concern that SEPAC no longer exists, but it was explained that this is part of why the position exists now - moving the presence down into each community. The lectures were really great, though, so Denise responded that maybe she could look into joining forces with some other local Reps and hosting some.

Other Business

New Behavior Contract - it was updated to be in better alignment with the school's policies and wording. Will work to get that updated on the website.

Penguin Patch Kids Holiday Shoppe interest? It's a fundraiser sort of similar to the little shop area at the Book Fair. Seems like something the membership is willing to consider in the future, especially if we made it community grown, but there is not sufficient interest at the moment to make it happen so quickly this year, nor to necessarily work with this vendor.

Reflections - Torrey reports with sincerest apologies that she agreed to Chair while also ramping up as the Secretary and didn't realize how quickly it was all coming up. However, let's just go for it, and flyers/info is going out now. She will use this time to learn and make sure it's amazing next year.

Adjourned at 8:20pm.