

Turnagain PTA General Membership Meeting

April 20, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Turnagain Library

Minutes

Call to Order and Welcome: Time: 6:10 PM by Amanda Mack

Changes To Agenda

1. Kendall Carey is here, will be added to agenda.
 - a. Kendall presents her business "School Spirit Vending" which is school sticker vending machines. They service the machine and then cut a check of 25% to the PTA or school, whoever wants.
 - b. No one present is interested in implementing the vending machine.

Secretary Report/Approval of March Minutes (please read)

1. Ryan Snow motions to pass the minutes
2. Hannah seconds the motion.

Principal's Corner with Ms. Anna Walker for Carissa Cote, principal

1. Construction going on, teachers may need help with moving again they will have only one day to move in before school starts. ALICE drill will be May 12. Permission slips will be sent home for participation. School business partner awards were yesterday. We submitted a nomination for Turnagain United Methodist Church who has been our partner for over 25 years. They help with extra recess, cataloging in library, allow us to use their parking lot, help judge science fair, trunk or treat, summer library...the list is very long.
2. New AA Cory Shook started working here.
3. Online registration will open May 1. It would be really helpful to have parents register online because we have offsite registration again this year at Lake Hood.
4. Caitlin Jaksic asks about combining classes, Ms. Walker says we don't know about teacher numbers until August.

Treasure's Report Rebecca Van Wyck

1. \$10618 in bank account. Haven't raised as much as we budgeted for, but also haven't spent as much as budgeted. We have had several regular expenses since last visit.
2. Dawn B. reports that the school found a \$3500.00 line item fund which can only be used by PTA. Don't know where the funds came from possibly funds paid by PTA that were not spent or maybe lifetouch payments not set aside for 6th grade camp. Board identified priorities which are bussing, 6th grade camp, ice rink.

Old Business/Committee Reports

1. **Communications team** - Ryan Snow presented work-to-date on the PTA website. New site is not up, will be simple. Who we are, upcoming events etc. PT avenue link, contact form for PTA email account and board members.
 - a. Discussion: better ways to communicate/attract members. Ms. Pustina suggests having staffed PTA/MIR table during Kindergarten meetings.
 - b. Will have a sponsor page to be managed by the fundraising committee.
2. **Teachers Survey** - At beginning of this year we asked teachers what they would like to see for after school activities. Homework and tutoring, Lexia before or after school, international potluck, cultural day to celebrate and value our diversity, STEM night, robotics, coding, service project or service hours to help them grow a sense of community and stewardship, more presentations to our school such as bird treatment coming in to present, having professionals or artists in residence in school to present. Help buying books and moving classrooms. One difficulty for having activities is that there has to be an ASD employee present. We will have an activity planning meeting.
3. **Ice rink committee** - Ann Thompson presents. Raised about \$300. At Maslenitsa with hockey puck shoot. All-pro dads are committed to helping. Met with Ms. Cote, and project manager plus others talked about asphalt which looks good, needs about \$6000. Resurfacing. Trying to get Davis construction to donate. Talked about plastic boards over the wood boards which is about \$75,000.00 that will be a longer term goal. We can have the ice next year with or without the boards.

Activities/Events

1. **Garden Club** - Kim Conlin presents. Girl scouts want to do garden club but need a teacher to support this long term. Willing to drive project and fundraise for this but need long term support. Maybe next spring thinking about what people want.
2. **Annual Alaska PTA Convention** - April 28/29. We have three voting delegates and have \$500 budgeted to send up to four delegates. \$75 entry fee. BP energy center. Any member can go. Many ideas. Let Rebecca know if you want to go.
3. **Teacher Appreciation Week** (May 1st-May 5th)
 - a. Teacher Appreciation will be week of May 1st – May 5th
 - b. Dawn talked to Ms. Cote she is ok with using the new teacher lounge area. Expect a signup.com
 - c. MIR will do something on the 5th.
4. **End of Year Activities**
 - a. No Field Day
 - b. Consider: Pop Corn/Otter Pops in the classroom
 - c. 6th Grade Graduation

Board Position Elections

1. Board submits: Amanda Mack for president, Karen L-Q for Vice president- Dawn B will be stepping down, and Elsita Kirshner, Secretary.
2. Call for nominations from the floor. No nominations heard. Ballots are handed out and tallied- All are elected as listed above with 13 votes for each.

Volunteer Opportunities - Already covered.

Good Of the Order

Ms. Walker asked about yearbooks. They have been ordered but we don't know when they will arrive.

Close Meeting: Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm

Next meeting: May 11th, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Turnagain Library

Notes: