

Turnagain PTA General Membership Meeting

September 7, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Turnagain Multipurpose Room

Minutes

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

PTA Focus for the 2017-2018 school year

The PTA President, Amanda Mack, presented the PTA's focal points of interest to the PTA members present: **Communication** – via weekly email, bulletin board, school newsletter, to connect the students' home and the school. The effort is to keep parents informed of the school's activities as well as to offer all parents with an opportunity to participate as volunteers in any of the school's events. **Community**, build community by hosting opportunities for all the adults involved in the students' lives (grandparents, parents, guardians) towards learning and growing together. We want the school's community to be informed and also to participate in any possible way to make the students experience at school positive and rewarding. **STEAM Education** – Science, technology, engineering, arts, and math; the activities serve the whole school – both neighborhood and immersion students, and include things such as “providing eclipse glasses to all students the very first day of school; sponsoring before and after school classes like computer coding and Lego Robotics, field trips and a STEAM night on October 13.”

Changes To Agenda

No changes were required

PTA Officers Introduction to members – All PTA officers are present. Vice President, Karen L Quintieri was our past PTA President, she has one daughter in the school's Immersion Track; President Amanda Mack was our past Secretary, she has 2 children enrolled in the school's Immersion Track; Secretary, Elsit Kirchner is new to the Board and has one child in 5th grade/Neighborhood Track; Treasurer, Rebecca Van Wyck is in her second year as the PTA Treasurer, she has two children in the school's Immersion Track .

Principal's Corner, Carissa Cote, Principal

1. Mrs. Cote expresses her appreciation to all school's staff and PTA for working through the school's remodeling last year.
2. Mrs. Cote states that the remodeling should be finished in October. She explains that although many parts of the school were remodeled, and others improved, some were not. The school was not demolished and built again.
3. Mrs. Cote invites all PTA members to the School's dedication ceremony which will take place on September 27 at 6: 00 PM.
4. Mrs. Cote informs the PTA members that the school has 3 new teachers and that there were some changes within the school with teachers moving to different grades.

5. Mrs. Cote informs the PTA members that the school is aiming for an 8:50 drop off and or arrival at the school instead of 9 AM. Classes start at 9 AM thus students need to be on campus prior to 9 AM.
6. Mrs. Cote requests that in the event of an absence parents: 1. Call the school, and/or 2. Fill Form from the district's website when the student will be absent for an extended period of time.
7. Mrs. Cote reiterates that the entrance to the school is through the main office and that after 9AM students and or visitors need to press the buzz button. This is done for security reasons.
8. Adults are present in playground at 8:40 AM. Playground cannot be used after school without a supervising parent or adult because there is no staff to supervise the children and they are in the school's ground.
9. Lastly, Mrs. Cote asks that parents use the drop off and pick up area to drop off or get their children. It is the only designated area.

Old Business/Committee Reports

Approval of April and March Minutes

April Minutes: Ryan Snow motions to pass the minutes, Hannah seconds the motion, Kyle motions in third.

May Minutes: Ryan Snow motions to pass the minutes, Hannah seconds the motion, Shannon in third.

New Business/Activities/Events

1. Discuss and pass budget: Treasurer's Report by Rebbeca Van Wyck

Rebbeca Van Wyck, PTA Treasurer, invites the members to please review the budget and asks for comments.

1. Rebbeca Van Wyck, PTA Treasurer states that prior to tonight's meeting the PTA had 56 members. The PTA would like to increase the number to 120.
2. The PTA Treasurer reports that the 2016-2017 school year was difficult due to the school's remodeling and that there is room for improvement.
3. The PTA Treasurer reports that we made less money than what we spent. Carried over a little bit more than \$5,000
4. The PTA Treasurer states that today we have approximately \$15,000, with \$5,000 of carry over
5. The PTA Treasurer states that we can expect to bring in some money through some fundraising activities; however, there won't be so much carry over.
6. The PTA Treasurer informs that the Northrim Bank account has been closed.
7. The PTA Treasurer informs that she has discontinued the use of quickbooks for the PTA budgeting, instead she uses PTA Avenue which costs \$200
8. The PTA Treasurer discusses the activities that are funded by the PTA, such as All Pro Dads, Steam, Field Trips, Scholarships, Ice Skating Activities, Robotics.
9. Members review of budget raises questions in regards money allocated last year for Ice cream Social, \$350 and the fact that there are only \$300 budgeted for the 6th graders graduation this year. Last year PTA spent about \$1,000 with 6th graders.
10. It is agreed that there is a need to adjust the budget for the 6th grade graduation. The money allocated under yearbooks will be transferred to 6th grade.

11. Kyle Reardon suggests that we increase the cost of each yearbook to finance 6th graders graduation. His suggestion will be considered.
12. PTA treasurer to adjust budgeted money allocated for after school activities to be more than \$800 and reduce budgeted money for Steam.

2. **School Pictures, Suzie Piscoya** – School Pictures will take place on September 19th. Mrs. Piscoya was unable to attend but spoke to our PTA President prior to the meeting. She stated that she is looking for help and other volunteers that could take over for her in the near future.

3. **STEAM night, Virginia Groeschel** – Mrs. Groeschel introduces herself as a volunteer and identifies Mrs. Eastman as the person who initially had the idea and move forward to provide a great experience to our students. Mrs. Groeschel states that this year she has already been looking for volunteers and that UAA students will be volunteering. Stem night will take place on October 13th and is an activity to which all students from both the immersion and neighborhood tracks as well as the children from the adjacent community are invited. Meetings for this committee will be on Fridays at 4 PM at Mrs. Eastman’s classroom. Robotics Club will meet on Fridays.

4. All Pro Dads, Robert de Vassie - Continue to meet once per month, 7:30 am, on a Friday for breakfast. Mr. De Vassie offered to prepare a haunted house for the children on October 13th during STEAM night. Mr. De Vassie reports that Turnagain Elementary All Pro Dads has participated at the Fur Rondy Parade and also organized a Father’s Day weekend camp out. Mr. De Vassie acknowledges that they need to advertise better to increase membership.

5. Garden Club, Kim Conlon – Mrs. Conlon states she does not have “much of an update.” She will be meeting with the Principal within the next couple of months.

6. Communication committee, Ryan Snow – Mr. Snow states that the hot issue this year is to try to get the website up and running. The process started last year but has not come to fruition yet. Mr. Snow discusses the different types of ways we can communicate with parents such as via Facebook, newsletter/hard copy, email, text messaging (needs to be explored)

7. Ice Rink Committee – Anne no longer at school as son transferred to another school.

8. Fundraiser Committee – Fundraiser kick off September 22, committee needs volunteers.

Volunteer Sign Up Activity – Members are given sticky paper to write the activities they want to volunteer for and then post on wall/paper.

Movie Ticket Drawing – The movie tickets raffle winner is Bryce Hammels.

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No questions

Close Meeting: Meeting adjourned: 7:45pm

Next meeting: October 5th, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Turnagain Mutipurpose Room