

PTA General Minutes 3/13/18

Meiklejohn PTA General Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2018 at 7:09pm in the Library

1. Call to order at 7:09pm.
2. Approval of Minutes from January's general meeting. First approval Kennetha Julien, Second approval Sarah Goddard.
3. Officer's Reports –
 - a. Treasurer – Still on track with budget despite additional costs via requests from school, Outdoor lab, student council, etc. Any increase to budget line items for next year's budget submitted by May 1, 2018.
 - b. President's Report – Open positions to be elected today.
 - c. Secretary's Report – Volunteer outreach in progress. Any ideas/suggestions are welcomed!
 - d. Vice President's 1 Report – Science fair on March 2nd– 123 students (compared to 111 students last year). Went really well. Enrichment classes are going well with strong enrollment. Talent Show flyer to go out in Thursday folders with details about the show. Sign-up genius will go out the same day – required in order to participate. Mileage Club started back today. Request for next year not to have kindergarten and first grade running together – too chaotic. Question was asked about possibility of doing recess before lunch. Carrie responded that it has been discussed and is not possible given the potential jam in the lunch line and making sure kids are getting full 20 minutes to eat their lunches.
 - e. Vice President's 2 Report – Getting close to the time when we need to be soliciting business sponsorships. And looking at rearranging levels of sponsorships for marketing throughout the year, not repeatedly going back several times throughout the year for more money. If we can get 5-6 volunteers, it would really spread the work out and make it all more manageable.
 - f. Principal's Report – Really need everyone's support for Run 4 Funds. Applied for innovation grant, and got really close. Made it to the pitch stage, but weren't selected. Haven't given up the dream for a maker's space. So we really need a lot of participation for Run 4 Funds to help support the cost of this new space in our school. Total cost is \$63k.
4. Reports of Board Chairs
 - a. Advocacy – Legislative session has been sidelined by the expulsion of congressman Lebsack. Update on some of the bills with more information to come.
 - b. Ways & Means – April is going to be a very busy month – intentionally planned so that we weren't pestering for funds multiple times. Thursday folders this week will have information about Teacher Sweepstakes, tickets go on sale next week. Online auction during the same week of Teacher Sweepstakes will be live. Spiritwear available

for purchase again next week. Same shirts, but for new families, replacements. Extended lost & found date of everything being taken away until after conferences. After April, will focus on recruiting for volunteers to gear up for next year. Run 4 Funds – reminder flyers going out in Thursday folders this week. Pep rally on Thursday after Spring Break – kids will come home with info posters and pledge forms. Event is on April 12th. All classes will run during specials except kindergarten (to account for AM kindergarteners). T-shirts will be given the day of, with place to mark how many laps ran on the back. Kids usually run about 16-20 laps. On April 27th will do our celebration day – class prizes, student prizes, most laps prize, spirit prize, Kona ice party, foam party, hamster ball party, wipeout Velcro wall party. Everything is based on average raised per pupil. Why we need everyone to participate no matter the amount. Note that we keep all of the corporate sponsorship from i9. Charitable donations are also kept fully, so we're looking for anyone with corporate connections for matching funds programs. Planning to do Run 4 Funds every other year, Silent Auction the opposite years. This will be Jessi's last time doing this event as her kids are older and will age out of Meiklejohn. Meaning we will need someone to take this event on in the future! Big Sky Bounce – organization helping us put on this event will give a percentage back to Meiklejohn for every bouncy house rental outside of this event.

- c. Membership – Lea couldn't be here tonight, but she is still looking into using Member Planet (Jeffco's PTA portal) to replace MSA.

5. Old Business

- a. Mark your calendars – last PTA Meeting will be May 8th
- b. Run 4 Funds April 12th Assembly will be held on April 5th
- c. Teacher Sweepstakes and Yearly Auction Items April 9 – 13
- d. Silent Auction will be held Spring 2019
- e. Smaller fundraising efforts that all add up
- f. Restaurant Nights have brought in nearly \$2k so far this year! Way to go!!
- g. 1st Day School Supplies will be handling kits '18-'19 school year – watch for that info to be coming soon.
- h. Talent Show May 3rd

6. New Business

- a. Elections/Nominations for next year's board
 - i. Nomination for Melissa Brilino for President – vote to approve by Kennetha Julien, seconded by Mande Dywer
 - ii. Nomination for Teri Braun for VP1 – vote to approve by Carmela Buschy, seconded by Laura Holman.
 - iii. Nomination for Cindy Scheich for Secretary – vote to approve by Diane Haviland, Jessi Merecki.
 - iv. Any interest in VP2 second year of term? Let Grace know.

- b. Box Tops were collected for our second submission this year, we did a smidge better. Keep them coming!
 - c. Budget line item requests due to Mande by May 1st for next school year.
 - d. Lots of volunteer positions are available
 - i. Signup genius much easier – was used in the past. **Will get this ready to be sent out by May 1st, right after April Grateful. And board members will be reaching out to volunteers currently in positions to see if they're interested in remaining in those positions.**
 - ii. Mining from the 1st and 2nd grade level parents, not kindergarten parents (too overwhelmed).
7. Will need to vote on special givings budget at next general meeting in May.
8. Adjourned at 8:15PM