

Meiklejohn General PTA Meeting September 11, 2018

Meiklejohn Elementary Library

Taken by: Cindy Scheich

- I. Call to Order at 7:06PM
- II. Approval of Agenda, First by Lea Barry, Second by Diane Haviland
- III. Approval of May's General Meeting minutes, First by Kennetha Julien, Second by Carmela Buschy
- IV. Norms: Respect others and assume positive intent
- V. Introduction of Board Members
- VI. What is PTA?
- VII. Reports of Officers
  - a. Treasurer's Report
    - i. Proposed budget for 2018-2019 year, Motion to adopt by Teri Braun, Second by Kennetha Julien. All in favor. None opposed.
  - b. Principal's Report
    - i. Thankful for everyone that is here. Our school is very fortunate that we have such supportive families and such a supportive community. We miss our 6<sup>th</sup> graders definitely, but it has been very nice being at 530 kids compared to 650 last year. Staff has had the opportunity to focus on their new writing curriculums. Important for everyone to be informed on how education is funded at the State and Local levels. Information is available on the school website. It is getting really challenging – funding is decreasing and class sizes are getting bigger and bigger. Important that we all inform ourselves.
  - c. President's Report
    - i. Welcome and thank you for coming tonight.
  - d. Secretary's Report
    - i. Bylaws – We have updated our bylaws utilizing the 2017-2018 Colorado PTA Local Unit Bylaws template. We will be sending a copy out to the membership with detailed changes, and a vote will be taken at the next general membership meeting in November. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cindy Scheich.
    - ii. Volunteers – thank you to everyone that has signed up to volunteer this year! We are still looking for carnival volunteers.
  - e. Vice President 1's Report
    - i. Reflections – November 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - ii. Mileage Club – Started today and went really well. But would love to have more volunteers, especially the busiest time from 11:15-1:00.
    - iii. Talent Show March 5<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. Science Fair March 8<sup>th</sup>
    - v. Enrichment Programs have started strong. Pickup for school related activities will be different based on the activity. Enrichment is not school staff members, but vendors, and they will always bring students out the front door. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders only are taken to their enrichment programs.
    - vi. Maker's Space – Progress is being made and plan to introduce this by early October. Background explanation is a group of kids from last year that came up with ideas and presented a plan to the PTA Board to request funding. \$10k of the Special Giving from last year was granted to the Maker's Space creation. Updates will be going out on Twitter (follow us!)
  - f. Vice President 2's Report
    - i. Email/Website – Elizabeth does such a great job with keeping these updated.
    - ii. Membership has started the year out strong!

- iii. Parent Socials team is super eager and has lots of great ideas for community building
- iv. Staff Appreciation is also super eager and has lots of great ideas for this upcoming year
- v. Lost & Found committee is in place to handle the already overflowing lost & found.
- vi. Hospitality – will increase the number of spots available on the Sign-Up Genius. A pool of individuals willing to help out with tasks that require a minor amount of time.

#### VIII. Reports of Board Chairs

- a. Advocacy – Legislative Information – where to find on the MJ PTA website. Amendment 73 is a state-wide initiative. Increase in funding for infrastructure, security, etc. Would bring Colorado up from our current status of 38<sup>th</sup>/50 in funding for our schools. Mill/bond levy is for Jefferson County only. Increase in funds for people and programs. PTA Board is presenting to the General Membership that we are supporting providing information regarding these efforts. Please go on our website or look at handouts to inform yourselves about these.
- b. Ways and Means
  - i. Spirit Wear tighter timeframe in order to meet early field trip dates.
  - ii. Working on Auction, specifically looking to get volunteers this month to get started on planning. Was held at Schoolhouse in Olde Town Arvada two years ago, looking at other options. Talking with new owners of Lot 1 (next to Depot) who can host up to 160 people, which would be large enough. Once we have a venue, there will be a lot of legwork for donations, etc. Classroom baskets will be done again with a re-work. Idea for doing adult events (progressive dinners, field day, etc) with a cost per ticket. Similar to the Teacher Sweepstakes that we do for kids. Individual artwork used more for donations/fundraising. But communicated as if they're interested, not a requirement for every child to participate. Looking at a date of April 12<sup>th</sup> for the auction. Please volunteer!
  - iii. Craft Fair – would anyone be interested in participating/attending a craft fair on November 3<sup>rd</sup> (tentative date) at the Five Parks Depot?
- c. Membership Report – Less than half of families have signed up to be members through MemberPlanet. Helps the school in SO many different way. Membership is one of our two biggest fundraisers each year! There is a raffle for those who sign up before September 18<sup>th</sup>. Have made about \$8,800 so far on membership.
- d. Carnival – 25 ft volcano, surf machine, activities for little kids, food trucks. This is a community event – invite your friends and neighbors! Volunteer sign-ups are at about 70%, so the sign up genius will go out again in Thursday's messenger.

#### IX. Announcements

- a. Restaurant Nights – list provided for all restaurant nights this year. Still have February and one in April to plan.
- b. Carnival – Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>
- c. PTA meetings 11/13, 1/15, 3/12, 5/7 at 7pm in Library
- d. School Security brought up – possible to have a school policy that no parents are allowed past the front doors? This is a good question to bring to School Board and PIE group. In the meantime, are there any volunteers willing to man that table at the front door, making sure that all parents sign in?

#### X. Adjourned at 8:23PM