

6 March 2007

## Minutes – General PTSA Board Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:04

Hearing no corrections, the minutes from 2/6 meeting were approved as written.

### **Kent Area Council Update** – Hallie Knudson

- The KAC announced that May 26 is the last day to sign up new members.
- They gave a presentation on the Phoenix Academy (new HS). There will be 4 programs, 75-150 students each. Middle Schools & High Schools now have applications for interested students.
- There will be space kept there to keep awards on display for Sequoia Middle School. The portables for the Clothing Bank & Cinderella Project will stay.

### **Calendar** – Hallie Knudson

- 5/4-5/6 – State PTSA Convention. New officers are recommended to go at least for 1 day. Chris Keenan has recommended us for the Standard of Excellence Award.
- 3/30 – Founder's Day dinner
- 5/11 – Walk-a-thon and Dad's Volunteer Day
- 6/1 – Family Fun Night
- 3/8 – General Membership meeting. We will be presenting Outstanding Educator, Outstanding Advocate, and Golden Acorn awards at that time.

### **Programs Report** – Patrice Baber

- Thursday, 3/8 – Reptile Man is coming. Assembly times: 12:45 & 1:30, then again after the evening meeting.
- Math Mania – volunteers have been trained now to do packets and track kids' progress.
- Bracelets have been ordered for Math Mania & Walk-a-thon.

### **Fundraising** – Natalie

- Natalie reported that they are still planning to do class baskets for Family Fun Night, probably with a silent auction. They plan to have parents assigned to do them so the teachers do not have extra work.

### **Treasurer's Report & Boundary Review**– Chris Davies

- Not much activity in February. End balance = \$38,000.
- Hearing no corrections, the Treasurer's report was approved as presented.
- Julie H. told the board that the budget process for next year will start at the next Executive Meeting. We will start planning and examine surveys to send out to parents and teachers.

**Teacher's Report** – D. Jasman was not present, so there was no teacher's report tonight.

### **Principal's Report** – Susanne Wick

- Thanks to the board for the sandwiches.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade said Dr. Seuss Day was wonderful.
- The Book-it assembly was today. Ask the kids about the *Trumpet of the Swan*. There was a great response.
- Feedback on Coyote Camp? Send email to Susan Fish.
- Parent Conferences are coming up the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Kindergarden round-up will be Wed., April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 3/29 - Award assemblies for 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester
- 4/17 – WASL testing starts.
- Mid-year review is tomorrow, 3/7.
- The Tech plan is now on OSPI website, with school improvement plan.

### **Legislative Update – Rob North**

- Halfway point is past now.
- Budget highlights:
  - \$60 million – Special Education
  - \$25 million – Transportation
  - \$20 million – Math / Science assistance
  - \$30.3 million – K-3 class size (increase # of staff members)
- We were 2 votes short for the Simple Majority measure. Contact your legislator!

### **Other Committees**

- **Emergency Preparedness – Rochelle Long**
  - Website has information now. FEMA estimates students will leave the school at the rate of about ½ the population each day in the event of a wide-scale regional disaster. We need to be more prepared, and current emergency kits are inadequate.
  - Parents should have a plan on how to get their kids home if they work in Seattle (or elsewhere) and may be unable to reach the school in a disaster.
  - Rochelle presented a plan to the board to improve the school's preparedness. (See attached report). The first year would cost the PTSA about \$4200, and should become self-sustaining within a few years.
  - Kids would simply donate \$5 each to the fund for the Emergency Prep, instead of putting together comfort kits.
  - The board agreed to go forward, and will put out a vote at the general membership meeting to transfer funds allocated to a potential tutoring program, which has gone unused this year.
- **Rad Reading – Linda Schlosser**
  - Nearly 350 students have signed up – a record number!
- **Book Fair – Julie Davies for Cindy Works**
  - The book fair will be 3/19 – 23 from 12-4 and during recess. On Tuesday 3/20 there will also be a family craft night.
  - The profits are already earmarked for classrooms.

Susanne Wick told the board that Lisa, in the office, is resigning. Her last day is 3/14, so make sure to say goodbye.

### **President's Report – Julie Horton**

- Julie brought up the General meeting for thursday.
- Heidi will make about 40 copies of the November mtg minutes.
- Chris Davies has a boundary committee meeting, so he will do the treasurer's report early, right after the President's report.

Mtg adjourned at 8:50 by Julie H.

Addendum via email on March 7, 2007:

Julie Horton emailed the board with the following: We need to call for a vote of the board to reallocate the \$4200 from the tutoring program. Hallie Knudson responded with an official motion. Julie Davies seconded, and there were 9 additional yes votes via email. With no dissenting votes, the motion was carried and will be presented to the general membership at the meeting on Thursday.

Addendum via email on March 12, 2007:

Chris Keenan proposed a motion to the board that the PTSA increase the funding for 6th-grade camp to \$1000. This does not need a General Membership vote, as the funds are already in the field trip budget. This increase also keeps in mind the large amount of help that most of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been in fundraising over many years. Chris Davies seconded the motion. There were 9 additional yes votes via email. With no dissenting votes, the motion was carried.