

ACCESS PTA

General Membership Meeting

January 19, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Kubler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from November 17, 2011 PTA General Membership Meeting. Seconded. Minutes from November 17, 2011 PTA General Membership Meeting approved unanimously. There were not enough attendees at the December PTA meeting to hold a General Membership Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A copy of the Profit & Loss v. Budget was presented. The Balance Sheet was presented. Both documents were passed around for approval. Motion to approve Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Valentine's Dance will be Friday, February 10, 2012. A 7th grade student has volunteered to be the DJ for the Valentine's Dance. He is also interested in promoting and marketing the event. Volunteers are needed for this event. It is helpful for parents of the elementary students to chaperone because the middle school students are not big fans of having their parents volunteer. Eryn Bagby will encourage staff members to attend the event. The PTA fully recognizes that our wonderful Access Staff are not paid to attend evening social events for the benefit of our students, so we are very appreciative.

GRANT COMMITTEE

Mr. Garcia has submitted a video in support of a grant for science equipment. He expects to hear something regarding his proposal in the spring.

Access has been given \$3000 earmarked for computers for our students. The Analia and John Earhart Fund of the Tides Foundation has donated \$3000 to be used towards computers (I am not aware of the specific parameters of this grant). Eryn Bagby would like to purchase another mobile lab (a laptop cart). She has additional funds she can contribute towards this purchase. There is also an opportunity at the Auction for the PTA to do a raffle that can raise funds towards a specific item. This would be a PTA only event because the Foundation is not permitted to give funds to the PTA. Motion made for PTA to hold a raffle at the Auction, the proceeds of which will be combined with the \$3000 grant funds from the Tides Foundation. Approved unanimously.

Auction Report: The Auction preparation is going well. Lots of small items have been procured. Unfortunately, it is still a very few people who are doing the majority of the procuring. We are hopeful that more large ticket items will start rolling in. Reminder: the Auction will be held February 24. Please get your tickets!

EScrip: In order to stay on the EScrip system, Access needs to allocate a portion of the EScrip funds

Naviance charges \$1,500 per year regardless of the school size. Amy has asked the PPS District for funding to help Access use this program as a pilot program. PPS has offered \$1,000 towards Access using Naviance. This \$1,000 has been offered for this year only - so far.

Amy Henry would like to see this program put in place this year as soon as possible. With the \$1,000 from PPS, Amy is asking for \$500 from the PTA. Currently, the PTA has \$1,100 in the technology budget. Additionally, the PTA also just received the \$3,000 technology grant from the Tides Foundation (to be used for computers). Motion made for the PTA to fund \$500 towards the purchase of Naviance from the PTA Technology Budget. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Naviance will be available to all Access students, 1st through 8th.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Everything is going great. Our students have been stuck inside lately due to the terribly indement weather. The Artist in Residence is working, Ms. Clarke's class is planning a field trip, National Engineers Month is coming up and we will have engineers here doing presentations in all the classes.

The District has voted to keep Sabin as a K-8. All boundaries decisions have been made, so Eryn Bagby is excited for the District to now focus on the future of Access. She is hoping to hear something by Mid-February.