

ACCESS PTA

General Membership Meeting
January 20, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

PTA President David Fikstad called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. The meeting started late due to a discussion with potential Access parents who were on a tour and dropped into the library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 2010 and November 18, 2010 minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amaya passed out the budget July 2010 through January 2011. Some highlights: scrip netted \$503. We received a \$500 grant from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation to the PTA. The GIVE campaign is at 50% participation. We are aiming for 60% participation. The Social Committee is in the black, but will start spending more money as the winter and spring dances approach.

The Intel matching contributions are taking awhile to sort out due to Intel accounting procedures. Amaya is happy to provide further information and/or answer any Intel employee's questions.

We have approximately \$12,000 in the bank, and upcoming expenditures of about \$10,000.

Regarding contribution to SUN School: In following up on a question asked at the October PTA meeting, Amaya reported that of the total class hours provided by SUN, Access uses 4% of the hours. In other terms, of the total 483 SUN School hours, 20 hours were taken up by Access students. During the October PTA meeting, the membership approved providing \$180 toward the cost of the Americorps volunteer, which is 6% of the total cost of the volunteer. Amaya further reported that the Garden Educator spends 13% of her time with Access. Access is providing the \$180 for the Americorps volunteer and providing \$500 for the Garden Educator on an annual basis. Amaya believes we have contributed sufficiently to the Garden Educator and the SUN program. The PTA Executive Board supports Amaya's determination.

GUEST SPEAKER LIBRARIAN TINI MAIER

Tini Maier loves working with the Access students. She would very much like to organize a few parent volunteers. One idea is to have parents "adopt a bookcase," where the parent will be responsible for a particular bookcase and will make sure the shelves are organized and interesting books are on display. At 3:45 p.m., the SUN program comes in to the library for homework club, so this job would take place after school. Tini will post a volunteer request on Big Tent and through the school newsletter.

She is also thinking of recruiting student volunteers for this during recess or lunch. However, she has concerns with student volunteers because she believes it is important socially for the students to participate in recess.

The library hours in the morning are for Sabin, the afternoon hours are for Access. Tini has a Sabin parent volunteering in every day all morning to supervise and help with check out.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

No Principal present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee: Movie night has been rescheduled because of the Boundary Change Meeting. Movie Night will be February 8 in conjunction with Sabin. The Valentine's Dance will be DJ'd by a parent as well as some kids who will be on hand to DJ.

Fundraiser Committee: Kim Grimme is working on a fundraiser in the form of a silent auction with maybe a wine evening at someone's house. Kim is working with Pam Kislak. Mr. Holme is willing to help work on a change drive similar to the one that Mark Sandilands put on for Transition Projects meals last year.

Teacher Appreciation Committee: The teachers are so appreciative of the monthly meal. Each month the Teacher Appreciation Committee – with the help of Access parents – provides a lunch meal, the teachers and staff sit down and eat it and talk with each other. There will be a full week of teacher appreciation in May.

NEW BUSINESS

SELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A person cannot sit on the nominating committee two years in a row. Executive Board members are exempt from sitting on the nominating committee. For the 2011-2012 school year, the Access PTA needs a President, a Vice President, and a Treasurer. Michael Kublers has been so wonderful in his role on the Boundary Committee, David Fikstad would love to see Michael as a possible 2011-2012 Access PTA President. The PTA Executive Board agrees with David's recommendation.

Luci Hise-Fisher volunteered to be on the nominating committee. There are still 2 open spots.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE ON PLAYGROUND ISSUES

David Fikstad can only speak to the Sabin side. David has been working to coordinate the Sabin parent volunteers. Sabin is planning on having Play Works come to Sabin next year. Play Works only works with Title I schools, so they cannot work with Access. Sabin also has a "recess coach", as well as Ken Rumbaugh. David is interested in organizing a sport at lunch or maybe a jogging club.

Our current co-Principals have reported that recess has been going better.

Peer Mediation has stated this week. The students are excited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Valentine's Dance, February 11, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.