

ACCESS Academy  
PTA Meeting Notes  
7PM PT – Oct 16, 2008

**Attendees**

PTA Board: Kim Grimme, Sara Rice, Kaarin Smith  
Kristine Shmakov, Kimche Tran, Brigit Koehler, Debra Clemons, Betriz Ramos, Julie Hauser, Gail Shaloum, Jill Lewis, Steve Friedman, Philip Graham, Laura Mundorff

**Call to order**

-Called to order 7:04PM

**Secretary's Report**

Meeting notes are posted (posted on PTA board and on Bigtents)

- **Motion: To approve the meetings notes from 09/11**  
    ✓ Motion passed

**Thank you to outgoing board**

-Thank you to the board (no past board members at previous meeting)

**Bookfair**

- Thanks to Charles for his help (and with sandwich boards)
- Comment about the security guard
- Powell's does the same type of fund raiser

**Treasurer's Report**

- September financial activities
- PTA from last year has \$5K
- Expenses: \$34 bank fees
- Budget can be amended; it is a working document
- Total program expenses: \$13,275
- Technology bundle: \$2K (laptop/document camera/printer)
- \$700/teacher includes: field trips and other minor classroom expenses
  - Teachers submit a expense request
  - All teachers' expenses are carefully tracked
  - Teachers can requests grants independently
  - How do we get teacher awareness for grants: teachers know about grants

### **Vote on Budget**

- **Motion: To approve budget**
  - ✓ Motion passed
- **Motion: To approve \$100 for community service**
  - ✓ Motion passed

### **-Stipulations**

- Games: request from families first before purchasing any
- Laminator (est \$250-600): request from families first
- Post these requests on Bigtents first

### **Fund Drive**

- As of 10/15 we were up to 44 families and \$8K
- At a minimum requesting that families at least donate enough to cover their own child's expenses

### **Teacher's Support Committee**

- Monthly teacher appreciation lunches
- This month's are taken care of

### **Social Committee**

- No one to head
- Goal was to have a social event after school (soccer/karaoke/boardgames)

### **Communications Committee**

- Liz is working very hard to get the directory information up to date
- Go into Bigtent and make sure your information is correct (address/phone/class information)
- If your information is complete on Bigtent the assumption is that you want to be included in the directory
- Electronic copy will be available before go to print

### New Business

1. Ms. Halliburton had a substitute that fell down the ramp and said that she was going to tell the teacher's union.
  - Ramp is being covered up by lost and found
  - Suggestion to tape-off edges of ramp for visibility
3. Knowledge of which families are in specific businesses so we can tap them first. Can we get a list: post something on Bigtents
7. Lack of art
  - Run for the arts monies go into a pool - and we can select something from the MetroArt's catalogues
  - Looking at a student teacher who could teach art
  - Lisa Gronset (PSU art professor): looking at potentially getting one of her students
  - We have a foundation account - we can potentially tap this foundation account in the future for an FTE
  - Sun School: late starting
8. Community Group: This Saturday at 1PM at FreeGeek
9. Open Bigtent to the highschool-age families?
  - Potentially have a 'vistor's pass' for bigtents and provide feedback about the highschool

➤ **Motion: To approve only allowing paid PTA members and active families**  
✓ Motion passed
10. Chinook books: \$20 each
11. Esrip: Carol Drought wants volunteer for this
  - Password: gives you reports
  - Who gets the log-in password: Kaarin

### Next meeting date and time

- TAG Presentation has to be delivered on 11/13 6:30PM
- November PTA meeting will be 11/13 7PM

Meeting adjourned: 8:25PM