



General Membership PTSA Meeting October 28, 2014

President's Welcome (Leah Battin)

- Meeting called to order by Leah at 7:05pm.
- Standing Rules were presented; no changes from last year. Andrea Sanders moved to accept the Standing Rules as presented. Athena Panos seconded. MOTION APPROVED.

Secretary's Report (Amy George)

- May 2014 meeting minutes presented. Andrea Sanders moved to accept May minutes as presented. Darby Smith seconded. MINUTES ACCEPTED. (Note: April 2014 minutes were not presented and reviewed.)
- September 2014 meeting minutes presented. Need to clarify Title I/substitute bullet under Principal Update. Andrea Sanders moved to accept September minutes as presented, with discussed change. Nakisa Salashoor seconded. MINUTES ACCEPTED.

Treasurer's Report (Sukhui Johns)

- September financial report presented. Home Street bank statement still needed to input September interest.
- Brown Bear car wash ticket sale exceeded expectations; better than running car washes at Renton Academy.
- Andrea Sanders moved to accept September financial report as presented. Nakisa Salashoor seconded. FINANCIAL REPORT ACCEPTED.
- Add money for two additional classrooms of *Scholastic News*, estimated at \$250? Rest of classrooms funded by Scholastic dollars. Take money out of unallocated dollars in School Grant section. Check teachers who may not want subscription for their classrooms. Gwen Thacker moved to add "Classroom Magazine Subscription" under School Grant section with a budget of \$250. Jennifer Browning seconded. MOTION APPROVED.
- Add \$1000 to Science-to-Go grant? See discussion under Principal's Message.

Teacher Liaison Report (Margaret Strong)

- Ms. Strong unable to be at meeting. Principal Busch has her report.

Principal's Message (Judy Busch)

- Principal Busch introduced Damien Pattenaude, Area Instructional Chief, Renton School District
- Thank you to volunteers for helping with Hearing and Vision screening.
- Student Picture Day and Great Shakeout were done on October 16.
- Meet and Greet for new Kindergarten classroom, which is up and running now, was held on October 22.
- Renton Rotary Club Assembly for 3rd graders was held on October 27.
- Veteran's Day Assembly will be on November 6.
- Evening conferences are being held on November 20. Half-day dismissal for November 20 – 26 conferences.
- Teachers asked if a decision was made about Raz Kids. Yes, PTSA budgeted for all K and grade 1 classrooms.
- Discover University Week; different activities by grade level, such as interviews and parent presentations.
- Teachers narrowed down Science-to-Go topics to Blood & Guts or Space Odyssey. The first is more likely because the latter would displace Music and PE classes for two days. Those teachers are willing, but there is no place to put their classes. Judy looking into dates.
 - Additional funds needed for additional classrooms (some grades didn't do it last year) and enrollment.
 - Gwen Thacker moved to increase budget for Science-to-Go grant from \$2500 to \$3500. Amy Donaldson seconded. MOTION APPROVED.
- Damien provided update on new principal search:
 - Three rounds of interviews done in spring. Multiple schools looking for principals. All candidates in room with school teams. Hazelwood team wanted to find the right fit and did not find it after three rounds.
 - District secured an interim (Judy) through December.



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- Every week, Renton School District HR looking through candidates. Damien, HR, Assistant Superintendent narrowing down list of folks and doing reference checks for interviews. Targeting November interview.
- District would like to find a good fit and a long-term solution. Hazelwood only school needing principal.
- Is there a Plan B and a pool of interims? Damien is hopeful that District will find someone, but there are feelers already going out to potential interims to follow Judy.
- Who can parents reach out to find out resources related to Washington losing its NCLB waiver?
 - Vicki Damon
 - Each school needs to show Adequate Yearly Progress, with 100% students meeting standard by 2014.
 - Supplemental services are for Title I schools. Hazelwood is not a Title I school.
 - PTSA: If Hazelwood is not doing as well on certain tests, let's make sure PTSA funds support services that align with the School Improvement Plan.
- Can Judy provide an update on parental concerns about lunchroom discipline system?
 - Antarctica label is no longer being used.
 - Judy provided background history on current lunchroom discipline system:
 - Previous systems included warning/ losing recess and then warning/standing on wall at recess. Discipline was supposed to focus on serious infractions, such as throwing food.
 - Continent name systems was developed, but other continent names went away.
 - A number of long-time PTSA members clarified that the continent system was not a PTSA initiative.
 - Current system includes 20 minutes eating with the last 5 minutes quiet. Concerns expressed as to why students are not allowed to talk and why lunchroom staff isn't helping students with opening their food.
 - Let's teach positive behavior, then accountability. What does appropriate lunchroom behavior look like?
 - Next Steps: PTSA will form small group to provide some quick and some long-term suggestions. Some suggestions included wheeled trash cans to facilitate disposal and volunteer support like recess.

What PTSA Has Done:

Thank you Hazelwood volunteers! With your help, PTSA accomplished the following this month:

Held our first PTSA General Meeting	Published October edition of <i>Hoofbeats</i>	Kicked off After School Enrichment classes with YMCA
Coordinated Safety Patrol volunteers during 5 th gr. camp	Organized Fun Run, the annual fall PTSA fundraiser.	Took orders for Mustang Spirit Wear shirts and sweatshirts
Coordinated volunteers to help with School Photos.	Coordinated volunteers to help with Vision & Hearing screening	Organized Harvest Homecoming & Carnival

And, we continued to support our 4th grade Bus Buddies, put out the weekly eBulletin, and much more!

What PTSA Is Doing:

- Thank you to Nakisa for organizing a successful Fun Run.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.