



Clark PTA 2.6.7

General Membership
Meeting Minutes
Jan. 18, 2017 - 6:30pm @ Clark

Clark Elementary PTA
335 1st Avenue SE
Issaquah, WA 98027
www.clarkpta.org

Objectives of this meeting: Regular meeting of general PTA membership

Notice of the meeting was given via email.

Attendees: Erin Eaton, Andi Tate, Betsy Grant, Tod Wood, Courtney Teddy, Julie Hoke, Katie Cannon, Katja Magus, Kathryn Navarro, Kim Clarke, Denine Vajja, and Jody Turner.

A quorum was present.

Meeting Minutes

This meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Andi Tate.

Welcome

- Dr. Wood introduced Superintendent Ron Thiele (thieler@issaquah.wednet.edu) and Marnie Maroldo, Director of Volunteers for Issaquah Schools (www.visvote.org) to provide information on upcoming levies.

February 13 Election for 3 ISD levies (Ron Thiele, ISD Superintendent & Marnie Maroldo, Director of Volunteers for Issaquah Schools)

Ron Thiele

- Details on January 2018 FOCUS ISD newsletter (<https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/news/FOCUS>)
 - “The McLeary fix” changed the levy decisions for the district.
 - Election on February 13th, ballots arrive around Jan. 26th.
- Three renewal levies on the ballot.
 1. Renewal Two Year Educational Programs & Operations Levy – partially for after school activities
 2. Renewal School Bus Levy – Health, Safety, and Efficiency
 3. Renewal Capital Levy – Educational Technology and Critical Repairs
- Add'l state money will allow local levies to cover 15% instead of previous 30%
- Net increase with state and local combined will be \$.25-.27 per \$1000 assessed value for 2018
- With state taking over more, give local district opportunity to do –
 - create a more robust system of mentorship / on-boarding for new teachers
 - more mental health counselors in all secondary school and most/all elementary schools; more guidance counselors in high schools (already in all HS and some

- middle / elementary)
- Possible change to 7 period schedule (or something similar) for HS to help meet graduation requirements

Marnie Moraldo

- Question – How long would it take to implement the opportunities above (student health programs, etc.) if the levies are passed?
 - Health counselors - Dependent on ability to hire qualified people, could be as early as Fall 2018
 - HS schedule – district would need a year for planning, then implementation in Fall 2019
- Why 2-year levy versus 4-year levy?
 - Uncertainty on tax climate makes it difficult to plan for full 4 years. Two year allows to re-access in 2 years.
- “Volunteers for Issaquah Schools” would like the Clark PTA endorse the levy. (PTA can endorse levy but not individual candidates.)
- On VISvote.org, you can personally endorse and donate to support.
- Encourage people to encourage others to vote.
- Question – No art budget for elementary schools included any of the levies. Any plans for future?
 - Very tough issue with no easy answer. No disagreement and need to try to figure ways to do it.
- School Board and District employees are always available for questions and feedback.

There was a motion for the Clark PTA to endorse all 3 levies, motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Principal (Tod Wood)

- Clark is reaching out to Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank to develop partnership. There are a number of Clark families served by food bank including food for breaks and power packs for weekends. Dr. Wood would like to have open house for Clark staff and PTA board in the future. There may also be a possible campaign this spring for greatest needs (tuna fish, breakfast cereal, etc.)
 - There was a suggestion to have student council take lead on a spring drive.
 - There was a suggestion for a presentation to the students by person from food bank (What is food bank? Who can volunteer?)
- Math and ideas for math in recent newsletters – looking for suggestions. Math Education Night on Feb. 8th for parents only. The school doesn't want parent to miss out on education night due to lack of childcare. Families should contact school if no childcare available at home for the Feb. 8th event.

Treasurer (Erin Eaton)

- Report distributed and uploaded - Front page is balance sheet and shows account balances for directed donations. Remaining report shows details. We are currently on budget and projected to be ahead at end of year.

- Discussion – Should the remaining after school movie funds be dedicated to creating a general scholarship fund (field trips, 5th grade camp, etc.) since we've already hit our year goal for movies.
 - Suggestion – Just increase line item of budget instead of directing uncertain amount of funds. Line item is currently \$1100.
 - Motion to add \$5000 to the scholarship budget line item. Vote approved.
- There was feedback received on the minutes from a previous meeting regarding the Chamber of Commerce fee from Salmon Days. Some people are frustrated that local businesses are not supporting the school. The PTA would like the members to know that at least one local business (and possibly more) has elected to NOT participate in the Chamber of Commerce this year as a response to the money that the Clark PTA was required to pay to the Chamber. Instead, the business (or businesses) will direct the funds that would have paid for the Chamber membership to Clark PTA. Local businesses should not be avoided because of a Chamber of Commerce policy/decision.

Nominating Committee (Jody Turner)

- Succession planning underway for next year. Will be looking for board members and key coordination positions.
- Committee has a membership of 2 and looking for 2 more people.
- The committee is hoping to announce slate for March General Membership meeting and complete work by June.

Upcoming Events

- Sharks on Ice tomorrow (Friday, 1/20)
- Coffee with Principal on 1/24
- Winter Enrichment
 - 2 art classes, 2 drama classes, 1 cooking class
- After School movies on 1/24 and 1/31
 - need more volunteers for both events. If you volunteer, kids get to go for free.
- Missoula Children's Theatre (March 26-31)
 - opportunity for workshops (3 included with performance package), more details coming on how and when to schedule. Possible examples...
 - Take 5 (workshop for teachers on incorporating drama, improv in classroom) – Wednesday of that week, would teachers be interested?
 - Assembly program for whole school (So you want to be in show business? – discovering jobs and careers in the industry)
 - Other workshops (acting, improv, etc.)
 - Open auditions on March 26th from 4-6p, then immediately first rehearsal for those chosen.
 - Still looking for volunteer accompanist. More information coming soon.
- Read-a-thon
 - Working on planning, possibly in May but need to work around testing schedules.

Other Discussion

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Signed: Betsy Grant

Next meeting:

Board – February 5

General Membership – March 8