

Minutes
Blythe Park PTA General Meeting
August 27, 2019
8:30 am

I. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

II. In attendance: Deb Strama, Karen Magee, Sarah Leone, Katie Ford, Casmira Gorman, Mary Beth Wynn, Karla Highland, Jill Crist, Emily Marlow

III. Approval of minutes from May General Meeting

Jill Crist moved to approve minutes from May meeting; Karla Highland seconded; approved.

IV. Staff Reports - Casmira Gorman

a) Curriculum night will be Sept 12

b) Facilities

Regarding facilities renovation - nothing has been officially decided, BOE approval still pending. If everything is approved, renovation of Ames will begin, to be completed by Fall 2020. Additional proposals would expand Blythe to create a new entrance that will be more secure and to create a new classroom; construct a door between the multi-purpose room and the garage space so that it can be used for storage or perhaps the multi-purpose room could be expanded into that space. Casmira Gorman will discuss options with the architect.

Music class will be taking place in the auditorium - first three rows of seats will be removed and floor will be carpeted.

Plans shifted for lunch in the multi-purpose room as grades 1, 2 and 3 do not all fit together in the space. Grades 1 and 2 are now eating together; and grades 3,4,5 are eating together. Art classes are also being held in the multipurpose room.

c) New teachers

Rachel Pinta (1st grade), Tracy Highland (Resource Teacher), Sonia Rose (Music)

V. Officer Reports

A. President's Report - Katie Ford/Sarah Leone

Covered under New Business

B. 1st Vice President's Report - Deb Strama

a) Membership Update

Magnet and yard sign promotion going well. Currently 25 families registered. 16 families did direct donation. Only 8 magnets left.

Membership dues increased to \$15 for families and \$10 for staff.

b) Volunteer Update

Still need volunteers to chair Bake Sale (November 5), ACES walk and Cocoa Run, and a tri-chair for Book Fair to work with Michelle Bakus and Katie Ford.

c) Room Parents

Room parents - teachers would like to have room parents this year (K-5). We will no longer be having room parents collecting \$ for teacher/staff gifts (holiday, teacher appreciation and end of year). We will do a schoolwide collection and ensure that all teachers and staff are recognized.

C. 2nd Vice President's Report - Jill Crist

Book orders in advance of the visiting author need to be in by Friday the 27th we discussed best dates for getting them out. Everything should go through Pushcoin if it's through the district - the PTA doesn't currently use Pushcoin.

Code Play Learn - to be discussed at September meeting

D. 3rd Vice President's Report - Karla Highland

Karla has identified a bar in Riverside that is open to hosting Fundraisers for us!

E. Treasurer - John Bowes

a) Audit report presented by Karen Magee

Substantially correct with recommendations to modify. All money accounted for (variance of \$0.01) but documentation for some transactions was missing. Audit committee will meet with Treasurer to ensure that all policies and procedures are followed going forward - e.g. always submit check request for cash box if you will need cash on hand for change at an event; submit a deposit to return what's left over.

Jill Crist moved to approve the audit as presented; Emily Marlow seconded; approved.

b) 2019-2020 Budget Presentation

Noted that we need to change the estimated opening balance to reflect actual opening balance.

Ecology club - money allocated for another hydroponic unit to be placed at the other end of the hallway.

Discussion of why the Blythe Park PTA provides money to Early Learner teachers when the students are drawn from the entire district, not just Blythe Park. This is simply historic practice; when Hollywood hosted Early Learners, no other schools contributed. This should be discussed at the District level.

We are asking to pass a budget with an anticipated deficit - for the past three years the PTA has submitted a budget with an anticipated deficit but has ended the year with a surplus. We anticipate that will be the case again this year as fundraising for Rainbow Run is already off to a great start.

Mary Beth Wynn moved to approve the budget with update to replace estimated starting balance with the actual starting budget; Sarah Leone seconded; approved.

F. Parliamentarian - Jen Sloger

None

G. Secretary - Mary Beth Wynn

None

H. Communications - Maria D'Amico

None

VI. New Business

A. Rainbow Run 9/21

Sign ups are starting to come in. We are seeing most families signing up children only. We want to encourage families to participate together; and everyone needs to understand that it isn't a drop off event. Registrations are due Friday the 6th.

T-shirts - original vendor wanted to charge us to redo logos so we are going with Ink Your Wear.

Considering a tie dye event morning 25 or afternoon of 26 to make the Rainbow Run tshirts colored - teachers will bring students down, PTA will provide supplies. This would be a K-5 event; in consultation with Early Learner teachers decided it wasn't an appropriate event for them.

B. Spirit Wear

Spirit wear is for sale - will be for sale through Rainbow Run.

C. Hot Lunch

Need parent volunteers. Two options Hot lunch starts the 27th

VII. Announcements

- A. Curriculum night, September 12: 5:45-7:15 Early Learners; 6:30-8:00 K-5
- B. 5th Grade Band/Orchestra Sign Up - 9/6 4 - 7 pm
- C. Picture Day 9/24
- D. Hot Lunch 9/27
- E. Next General PTA meeting 9/24 7pm

Meeting adjourned 9:40 am