

PTC Minutes February 2015
RSA Community Room
February 26, 2015
8:05 am

Tiffany Jones (treasurer)
Josselyn Carter (VP)
Bruce McDilda (President)
Annelise Pierce (Secretary)
Carol Wahl (Director's Representative)
Margaret Johnson (Director)
Will Keeler (Board Representative)
Elizabeth Brown (Teacher Representative)

Directors Report:
(Margaret Johnson)

Tonight is the music performance. Next week is the Celebration of the Arts Open House to celebrate our mission and vision. This will also be a time for parents to learn about the Middle School Program. Our goal with Middle School is to grow kids academically and stretch them in the Arts while providing an environment that is focused on not growing up too fast. Our Middle School kids still play and we are proud of that! Please come and be involved. We also want to let parents know we are working on our calendar for next year. This will come to the Board as a draft in March. We're also putting together our spring survey for parents so be on the lookout for that!

Teachers Report (Elisabeth Browne)

Staff want to appreciate the PTC so much for their work especially on the wish list items! Some staff are still waiting to find out what happened to their donated auction items - who purchased them. We're still looking for helpers for science day on March 6 - the theme is Big Ocean, under the sea! Teachers are so grateful for the use of the buses donated by PTC for class trips to Sacramento. The buses have made for a great community feel, and much safer and easier.

Board Report (Will Keeler)

Budget was discussed. Director Hatch talked about the charter renewal - this is a higher level organizational process that she's working on. She's very well qualified and experienced in this area. Front desk is going to be changed to a single employee staffing on a longer term basis. This will improve the processes. We're working on an organizational chart for the school. RSA is looking to hire a middle school Mandarin teacher as we hope to expand the Mandarin

program more into middle school. The board meetings are always open to the public. The next meeting is March 12, 5:45.

Treasurer's Report (Tiffany Jones)

Viking Skate is being rented for \$400 out of our fellowship fund. Fund-A-Need curtain and sound '12/13 we used the remaining money to buy five condenser mics which work wonderfully. Wish list we have completed all the items except for three which won't be paid out till later: bounce house and YCT. The Jog-a-Thon preparations are in full swing. Waterworks is renting to our school on June 2 for our end of the year party. They will charge us a flat rate of \$2500. That money usually comes out of our fellowship but the fellowship does not have enough funds. Rebecca Wagner made a motion to move money from PTC general fund to pay for Waterworks. Seconded by Will Keeler and passed.

FPAE Report (Margaret):

Two organizations with the capability to offer grants have come back to us with additional interest in our theatre program. This could provide opportunity for travel for our students and bring us visiting theatre students. North State Symphony is also in dialogue with us to make our upcoming performance arts center their home base for performances once it is built. We are reaching out beyond the Redding Community to look for funds for this theatre. We are developing an open-mic night for parents to benefit the theatre.

Drop Off Signage/Parent Communication plan (Bruce McDilda)

Last year \$3500 was donated towards creating an electronic sign for school communication. This project has not moved forward because the signage is likely to cost more like \$15,000. Also there are concerns about the sign idea. Pat Karch, facilities manager, shared that he felt that electronic sign seems like a distraction to drivers and pedestrians. He feels it is a safety hazard and aesthetically unappealing. The infrastructure for the sign does not currently exist. It's currently too early to even put a dollar amount on it. Carol Wahl shared that Mountain View Middle School had an existing foundation, pole and power and paid \$14,000 for their sign not including those existing amenities. Bruce shared his concern that the existing budget is nowhere near the needed monies for this project regardless of interest in it. He asked if we had a parent who wanted to move this project forward with additional funding, or if we want to move back the money to the general fund. Will Keeler made a motion to move the money back to the general fund. Bruce McDilda seconded it. The motion passed. Pat Karch passed out a hand-out for his proposal as an alternative to the electronic signage. This would be an FM transmitter that only works here on the property. We already have a call sign, KQRG. This would be installed in the theatre booth, an old laptop could be designated to play an audio file on loop. The loop would contain information from the other school communications already created by Lissa. Will Keeler made a motion to designate \$500 for this radio system. And Bruce McDilda seconded it. The motion passed. Annelise Pierce commented that this system would be much improved if

students were involved in the ongoing communications and if a lot of creativity was put into giving the kids an opportunity to hear their voice on the radio.

Shade for Stage (Pat Karch): Pat was not ready to comment on the information for this shade. He is having trouble finding shade big enough in the right percentage of shielding. He will have this information available at the next PTC meeting in March.

RSA PTC website: (Bruce McDilda)

We have a PTC website which we would like to flesh out as an additional method for communicating with parents. The initial process will be to create a serious website. We are going to look for someone to step forward as a committee chair to work on this. There will be a seamless connection between the RSA and PTC websites so that PTC can more readily update their own information while parents don't have to keep track of another website. We are looking for ways to make this fun for parents. We can use this website to showcase projects that PTC does and communicate in helpful new ways.

Bruce McDilda adjourned the meeting.