

PS 452 General PTA Meeting Minutes

January 26th, 2015

Meeting commences at 6:35pm

- I. **Welcome & Announcements (Elizabeth Campbell)**- no major announcements. Did everyone have a chance to read minutes...

II. **Approval of minutes (Liz)**

- A. Liz made a motion to approve minutes...all in favor.

III. **Principal's Report (Scott Parker)**

- A. Scott had a presentation on his trip to China which he went along with 250 other American educators in November. He has used his learnings in the 3rd grade presentations as they are studying "around the world." Sponsored by the College Board that does advance placement tests ...college and career ready tests. They worked with the Chinese ministry of culture as an exchange of ideas. Highest achievement for many of them is an education from a university of American standards. They are interested in exchange programs. We are surprised that many of us would not like to do this and send our children to them as they would love to send their children to us starting in 2nd grade and up. Scott has shared with LG that they would like to send teachers here to learn English and how to teach English better in their classroom. It was a sense of pride to say that they had studied English in the US. 1.35 billion in China, socialist republic ruled by a single party, the communist of Party of China. Their official language is Mandarin and there are 19 different dialects. Religion is discouraged. 14 countries border China and the largest is Russia. The 250 educators flown over did not travel together once there. Scott went to Henan Province (south of the river and heart of China) like DC is in between the north and south in relation to their country. It served at the capital for 200 empires during more than 20 dynasties. Home to the long men Grottos and near the ancient Silk Road and famed Shaolin Temple and its monks who specialize in Shaolin martial arts.
- B. Grades 1-6 is primary, junior 7-9 and 10-12 which is not compulsory and to at age 15 to vocational school or into the work force. They test into Sr high school or vocational school. There is a pressure to excel and honor the family and country. Higher level of education is higher social status. Chores

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- start very early for the little children. Preschool and Kindergarten becoming more important. English typically begins in 4th grade.
- C. For a complete overview-see Scott for slide presentation.
 - D. Classrooms- they have typically 38 kids....68 students in art classes and don't transfer classes like we do. They just sit there with stacks of books between them. No talk of Special Education....children with special needs to not get to attend school. They went mostly to public schools or Key schools they need to test into. Lots of following directions, memorizing, not critical thinking and mostly teacher to student vs the other way. Key schools are the better schools and have more resources and facilities and there is more to the physical plant with more qualified teachers. Private schools have 28 students in classrooms and low 30s in upper grades. They have no school Saturday's unlike public school. Tuition boarding on campus is an option.

IV. Treasurer's Report (Jill Gabin & Cybele Weisser)

- V. Jill talk money.....we are at 151K in income of 384k which we are budgeted to get. Spent 266K on income side have gotten more money 28K up to 90 of 140K for pledge drive. Food and wine tasting we made between \$1300 and \$1500. The holiday party showed we made money but expenses still coming in. Green flea coming in. We are holding money for 5th grade dues and the debate team. Student enrichment paid out for clarinet reeds, drums. Field trip funds and reimbursement for chaperones. PD paid math and learning dev coach and Curriculum supply. Teachers personal supply such as dry erase markers, tape, coffee mugs, etc. \$606 which is directory. \$225 for childcare and PTA meetings for December. There was a question regarding Sports and Stuff why we don't get money.....Scott said they were using public space. Jill said budget committee and process kicks off tomorrow. PTA office 9am....talk about the process and assign tasks, Dates are: big meeting is 4/19 after PTA meeting in the evening. March 4th will be the second meeting and May 6th at 9am. The 5th meeting will be on 5/20 if needed at 9am. Presentation will be made to the EB on May 10th. Final presentation to the parent body will be made on 5/21 at the last PTA meeting of the year. Any questions regarding the budget can be made to the treasurer's account.

- VI. **Fundraising Report (Lynn Martin)** – Wine Tasting event is this Thursday 1/28th at Robin Krugman's residence and there are 6 opens spots. If anyone here would like to attend please let us know tonight. February break we have the Read a Thon.

- I. **New business (Liz Campbell)-Committee Reports- Pledge Drive- Laura Goldenberg**-campaign for Dec 31st was successful but we are shooting for 100% participation. The great programs the PTA sponsors will be highlighted. April 19th is the budget but you can still give money till June. Community Partner Program- Jenny –new participant. 15% off at Serafina for Breakfast and Lunch. Auction- Cheryl and Maria – Auction is April 2nd and the next meeting is 2/10 in

the cafeteria. If you want to go to the Landmark they will go that day. Now till March 4th it's all about donations. Begging and pleading for all to go out and ask for donations.....if you are uncomfortable asking check in with Maria and Cheryl to solicit for you. Lauren Paull- Green Team...she is reaching out to the kids and how to start with AJ...trash troopers. Lauren went in to the 3-5th grade...kids teaching kids. Adults for the scooter rally is to bring your own water bottle and they will fill it. Elissa- update for SLT- Scott mentioned Laura is moving ahead to on interests into foreign language for the first year and future building on that. February 10th 6-7:30 there is a sign up genius. Signing up to attend as there is a game that starts and ends every 20 minutes....inclusive. Plan for a 3rd event for the Spring.....hoping to do a Broadway night. New Business- Rachel- there is a market in our yard every Sunday. There is a board of directors that consist of 2 parents from each school. She has been having conflicts with the time and looking for another parent to get involved and help out. She is not stepping out but needs to have 2 people to represent our school. If you have skills in marketing or finance. Robin Krugman spoke regarding childcare and shared that the PTA is happy to provide childcare as we would like as many parents to attend our PTA meetings as possible but we need to make sure we sign up in the 72 business hours that is required so we can be considerate to our providers so that they can make personal plans if we need to cancel on them.

II. Adjourn

- A. Liz makes a motion to adjourn. Jenny seconds. All in favor.
- B. Internet safety....April Meeting. 7:33pm