

THES PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Present: Eliza Platts-Mills, President; Julie Ulrich, Vice President; Lisa Robertson, Principal; Dave Lamkin, Treasurer; Jill Wiggins, Secretary; Jonna Ball, Fundraising; Valentina Dorsa, 2017-18 Vice President; Gretchen Otto, 2017-18 Secretary, Amy Cooper, Historian; Daniela Licon, Child Support Specialist; Manuel Garcia, Co-Vice-President.

Eliza called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Eliza welcomed the new officers and explained that the PTA is its own 501(c)(3) and asked the new board members to sign conflict of interest forms.

Eliza moved and Jonna seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April board and general meetings. Motion carried.

Principal's report:

Notes will go out about universal breakfast. Early release: once again we are ahead of the district. Other areas of AISD are not ready with such issues as transportation. STAAR next week.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave moved account Mission 75 and reserve into old account and then transferred into main account to write checks.

We can designate two tax-free days for selling t-shirts and the like. We need to decide on what that days are. Julie suggested ice cream social August 18 as the first one. **Dave moved setting August 18 as first tax-free day and Julie seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Mural sealant has been paid for.

Eliza asked for someone to replace Manuel to review bank statements. Jonna volunteered. Eliza said there was a need for three people to review the financials over the summer. Jonna volunteered and Betty Weed and Cesar Benavides will also be asked.

Lisa moved that the above people be appointed for the summer review. Manuel seconded. Motion carried.

Thunderboard Report

Julie reported they are still trying to get information from the retreat consolidated into usable form and are working with AISD to come up with an evaluation method for our programs: how to collect data, how to use data we already have.

Trying to maintain relationships with people in the District. Kim O'Driscoll is working on that.

Advocacy Team report:

Next meeting will be Wednesday 5/3. Watching immigration/ICE issues. Helping with tenants issues across multiple apartment complexes. Affordable Housing at Woodland and I-35 (on the SW corner) are in second

place to get a tax credit. 70 units, small but up to 3 bedroom/2 bath. They need a zoning change to go up to 5-6 stories. Current zoning is general retail.

Update on action items.

Communications position plan –working on improving these processes.

Crisis protocols—counselor has a plan to tailor to our campus.

Spanish classes—Jonna said we need to do English classes first, if we want to work with the Spanish-speaking community. Spanish speaking kids aren't signing up for dual language because the kids don't get enough help with English and the parents can't help them at home. Lisa suggested using old ESL materials and also checking with high schools. There are also kids who speak only English; not Spanish at home. Some kids have social language skills but not necessarily academic skills.

T-shirt design plan—quotes requested. Plan to have them ordered in the next few weeks. Should be organized before the end of the school year. Donors' names get on a t-shirt if they donate \$500 or goods. Only organizational donors will be listed. Jonna will also look at frequency of donations.

Safe Routes to School (update from Meg not available)

Upcoming Events Check-In/Planning:

5/1 – Teacher Appreciation Week is going on now. Willow McIndoo is coordinating.

5/16 – Guero's Event—5-7. Anyone can sponsor a Camp Champions child but there won't be a raffle. There will be a band. Kim O. and other fourth-grade parents are organizing.

5/23 – Young Artists Workshop—need some floater volunteers but it should be covered.

Review of Next Year's Calendar for Board meetings, membership meetings, and events

Ice Cream Social Planning (Friday, August 18)

Review planning document and assign roles. A comprehensive planning document was distributed.

Check-in meeting set up for Friday, August 4, 4 p.m. at Jonna's house, 1709 Woodland. Kids are welcome but Jonna would like a head count of kids. Pizza can be ordered

Julie will put the planning document in Google docs.

Welcome coffee. Save-the-date note will go out.

Back to School Night Planning

Did not have child care last year. Suggestion to have pot luck beforehand. Document with notes on previous years. No date yet; it will be a Thursday evening in September. Lisa said the district suggests doing it after leveling, which will be the third week in September, although students will already have been in school for the month. Tentative date: Thursday, September 7.

Can we use the THES video to build enthusiasm and expose new families to our pillars and programs?

Must have child care. Potluck is tricky. Jonna suggested food trucks but it's tricky because they want a minimum guarantee of sales. Proposal for pizza in the cafeteria, with some food donations and some paid out of PTA funds. Keep the same schedule and invite people to come to the cafeteria between 5-6.

Child care is provided. We need to delete the request for parents not to bring kids.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jill Wiggins

Approved 10/3/2017