

THES PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
THES library

Present: Eliza Platts-Mills, President; Regan Ellmer, Vice President; Dave Lamkin, Treasurer; Gretchen Otto, Secretary; Oliver, Fundraising; Lisa Etzel, 2nd grade teacher; Colin Clark, Advocacy Team; Lisa Robertson, Principal. Future PTAers: Baz Aryubwal, Fred Wu.

Eliza called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Introductions, welcome to new/future PTA board members.

Congratulations and Thank You to Ms. Robertson! Schoolwide send-off on Friday April 27! Gretchen will recruit/plan for speakers. In cafeteria, open to all current and former community members.

Transition plan—everyone please communicate as much as possible about process and reminders about timeline.

Gift for Mrs. Pena? Buddy bench? Dedicate butterfly garden to her. 4th grade team has a plan.

Eliza moved and Dave seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March board meeting. *Motion carried.*

Updates on candidates for officer positions: Gretchen has agreed to be president; Baz and Jonna will be co-secretaries. Jonna will also be co-VP with Regan, Oliver and Kathleen will be co-chairs of the fundraising committee. Fred Wu has agreed to be the new Treasurer, beginning in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. Still need to recruit new teacher rep. (Leaving the board: Colin, Lisa, Eliza, Dave.)

Principal's report: STARR next week Tue/Wed. Dreambox goals progressing. Above benchmarks in reading/iStation monthly assessment. District lists for attendance and discipline: we are in top 5! Kinder and 1st. Attendance is counted at 9:30. We lose funding for every absence (\$50 per day). Lisa Etzel: supply closet for kids with urgent needs that aren't being met at home (deoderant, snacks, etc). Where could we put it? Who to coordinate? Will be further considered. 20 kids going to Kealing/Ann Richards magnet schools. ARBOR tour went well (basically). We are a "special" school according to the district! Title 1 % is at 62%; we lose that funding when we get below 50%. Tiered funding.

Treasurer's Report (Dave): See report attached. Final total is \$25K for I Heart THES. Monthly donations continue. See budget attached. Reduced art/music/PE which wasn't being used. Took out SEL peace areas (not needed this year), decreased teacher training and teacher planning, kept teacher supplies at same (\$125). Removed field trip subsidy. Reduced supplement for afterschool tutorials. Most of these reductions are because these items are covered in school budget. We have managed to reduce expenses by 12k compared to last year, giving us 24k to spend on something else: either PSS or software? Discussion of pros and cons of how to swap funding between PTA and school. Discussion of plan to better evaluate software effectiveness. Plan proceeding to have PTA pay for software and similar items in order for school budget to be able to cover PSS. Dave will finalize budget based on that and then we as a board can vote via email to approve. Then we will present the budget to full PTA membership at 4/19 meeting.

Fundraising committee report: New fundraiser dinner at Fairview is being postponed until later this year to give more time for planning. Exciting lead on donations of A/V equipment. April 16 will be Kerbey Lane fundraiser. DL dinner may still be happening this fall. Art Trail booth may happen this fall with help from Valentina and Ms. Isoline.

Advocacy Team report (Colin/Gretchen): Work on immigration folders continues. Update on Travis Park Heroes visit with management.

NEXT ADVOCACY MEETING: April 23, 5:30pm

Thunderboard Report (Gretchen): PRINCIPAL SELECTION PROCESS

Meeting this Thursday with district to discuss process. Teacher meeting at 3pm, parent meeting at 6pm. Will create a principal profile. Thunderboard to handle proceed of choosing Principal Selection Committee. That committee will write interview questions and interview about 6 candidates, then give recommendation to superintendent.

Calendar Review (20 minutes)

- Spring Beautification rescheduled for April 7
- Young Artists/Scientists Workshop April 12 – update from Regan: have lots of volunteers, they are meeting, have food, things are progressing well.
- Plan for April 19th PTA Meeting: Budget and Elections (Creative Action)
- ~~Thurs, April 26th Fundraiser, 7pm to 10pm at Fairview B&B postponed!~~
- Teacher Appreciation Week, Week of April 30th –Daniela and Willow are organizing and it is under control. Want to do a raffle for teachers.
- Tues, May 8th Guerro’s Camp Champions Fundraiser—Julie is organizing
- Schoolwide Celebration Fundraiser for Ms. Robertson – April 27 4-6pm in cafeteria—Gretchen is organizing

Discussion of PTA Goals for Rest of Year (10 minutes)—not covered

- ~~Update re refreshing Play Areas; Spanish/English Informal Conversation as Prime Time~~
- ~~Explaining to people what the PTA does and asking for help with reviews for greatschools.org, tours, open positions—we need to do our reviews!~~

****PTA Membership Meeting/Elections on Thursday, April 19, 6:00pm**

Next PTA Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 1st, 4pm to 5:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes by Gretchen Otto, Secretary

Approved 5/1/2018

TREASURER REPORT

PTA BOARD MEETING APRIL 3, 2018

○ **2017-2018 FINANCIALS FOR 10 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2018**

As always, there are two (2) P&L statements -- one for our regular (primary) checking account, and one for the reserve account. Jonna Ball continues in her role to review the Wells Fargo bank statements each month.

- **I HEART THES** We have realized \$25,428 in donations, plus \$1,100 in non-cash donations (gift certificates). Remember that online donations are processed through PayPal, which deducts a nominal fee for each transaction.

- **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE.** No change from last month -- 79 memberships.

- **MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS.** No new applications have been received.

- **2018-2019 BUDGET.** Julie Ulrich and I met with Administration re: the Budget for the coming year, beginning June 1, 2018. At our meeting we can work from the latest financials, and discuss priorities, to build a preliminary budget for approval for FY 2018-2019.