

Louise Archer PTA  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
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Library – October 10, 2012, 7:30pm

I. Attendees:

Stephanie Bollini, Beverly Jurenko, Elena Golub, Michelle Makrigiorgos, Katherine Yagle, Kerry Crum, Patrice Scheyer, Jianfeng W., Priya Chenthil, Allison Shrine, Christine Bodziak, Lalit Bedi, Stephanie Laubner, Meg Chapman, Ceci Campbell, Loetta Douglas, Ossen D'Haiti, Robyn Nguyen, Neena Scaria

II. Secretary's Report:

A. Established quorum, 17 members present.

B. The Meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Bollini at 7:35pm.

III. Principal's Report:

- Track is ready. Drainage is done too. The track works very well. The company did a good job. The new track will be used next Saturday during Louise Archer 5K and Fun Run.
- Back to School Night was a success.
- New Families Principal's Coffee was very productive; it could be repeated if needed.
- Parent-teacher conferences are approaching (first week of November). A newsletter was sent to inform parents. It is a place to learn about each kid learning profile, specifics of a new report card, etc.
- Changes to the Elementary Mathematics Instructional Sequence (EMIS). EMIS will allow all students to access the advanced mathematics curriculum. The new instructional sequence provides teachers with the tools needed for differentiation. EMIS offers multiple entry points for students to access the advanced mathematics curriculum when they have developed the cognitive skills to be successful.
- The school used PTA grant to buy 32 netbooks for a mobil lab. All students will have access to them. Netbooks have not as much capabilities as notebooks, but they are half price and more durable.
- Teachers are preparing to use PTA grants from Mini Grants Program, thank you very much.

IV. President's Report:

- Information about Azara Fund supported by the PTA. There is a box for applications on the PTA stand. Also, it is possible to apply online. The support is available through teachers' referral.
- The PTA organised Whole Foods 5% Day.
- The PTA supports Junior Optimist club. Their first project is about recycling: to collect unused milk from the kids in the cafeteria and donate it to a food bank.
- We have 45 new families, 25 families in ESOL. Separate New Families Principal's Coffee for organised for them.
- We have a very successful Walk to School Day. Now we have walking Wednesday day. Kids receive little awards. Café Amorie provides a free cup of coffee for parents.
- Louise Archer 5K and Fun Run: 450 people registered for 5K or fun run. It is scheduled on Saturday, at 8:00 am for fun run and at 8:30 am for 5K. The runners will use the school new track. PTA needs volunteers to assist.
- Registration to the PTA extra-curriculum classes was a success, only the Film Making class was cancelled.
- Reflections Program is going on: Reflections theme for Fall 2012: "The Magic of a Moment..." is due October 24th and 2014-2015 Reflections Search Theme is due on 15th of October.
- The PTA needs volunteers for the Mini Grant Committee. Each teacher can ask for funding and the PTA has a budget for 8K. The committee will meet in November.

- The PTA needs volunteers to work for the school directory to verify information. The school directory is free for everybody. There is a free app to use it.
- The PTA Blood drive is on December 11.
- The PTA is working on We Do Robotics program. Substantial funding is needed to initiate it.
- The PTA is working on Karate program.

V. Treasurer's Report:

- Louise Archer PTA Proposed Budget 2012-13 is online. So far PTA received approximately \$6,000 donations.
- Net income in September is almost \$23,000. Program registrations are in, but the costs have not been paid yet, which makes September a very profitable month.
- Audit is underway.
- After the audit the PTA will get a new tax exempt letter.
- Cash flows are healthy.

VI. Old Business:

- Louise Archer PTA Proposed Budget 2012-13 was voted for and passed. Motion to pass was made and seconded .
- Louise Archer By-Laws was voted for and passed. Motion to pass was made and seconded .

VII. New Business:

- Volunteers needed for Mini Grant committee to meet in November.
- Gardening Club will post information about its activity on the web.

VII. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.