

1-9 General Meeting Minutes

Present: Laura Nagrant, Paige Bradley, Terri Hurbis, Alicia Hetu, Jamie Schwartz, Jenny Kowalkowski, Cara Friend, Stephanie Barkman, Christina Hipp, Michelle Cook, Kim Abela Godfrey, Sam Hiltunen, Micaela Stafford, Jason Kohl, Katherine Sloan, Laurie Ovies, Tim Boyer, Haigan Tclora, Jen Livingston, Liz Bayer, Sarah Schwarz, Renee Mitchell

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Quorum confirmed by secretary Liz Bayer

School Board Update: Michelle Cook introduced herself as new representative. Kindergarten information is January 25th. Enrollment begins on January 26. March 1-31 is window for school of choice applications. District MLK celebration is on Monday, January 16 at Berkley High. Donations are also being collected for MLK Day. Long range planning continuing.

Teacher's Report: Teachers enjoyed slime the staff. The teachers appreciated the conference food. January is a big testing month. No school for students on January 27th for records day. Teachers appreciated the book fair books. 3rd grade is going to DIA and 4th grade is going to Lansing.

Principal's Report: For MLK Day at Addams there will be a drive for Cass Community Social Services. HAVEN will be coming in 2 weeks. If parents choose to opt out an age appropriate activity will be held. Kindergarten information night will be on January 25th in the Media Center. PTA plans to have a presence at Kindergarten information night so families can learn more about us! Parent advisory committee is meeting on 1/18. Playground equipment meeting will be on Wednesday (with representatives serving in different roles in the school).

President- Terri- A spreadsheet will be sent of open board positions and committee chairs. We have 5 open board positions and many committee chair positions open. Founder's Day is February 6th at the Venetian Club. Outstanding teachers and volunteers will be recognized at the event.

*Terri made a proposal to include the DEI committee on the Executive Board. Jenny Kowalkowski and Jamie Schwartz would be nominated for this role. A vote will be taken in the February meeting.

Secretary- Liz- Minutes were presented. Laura made motion to approve, Paige seconded it

Treasurer- Laura- Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Membership- Paige- We are at 150 members.

Fundraising- Jennifer Livingston and Stephanie Barkman. Friday is lunch with teacher incentive (for anyone who raised \$350). A few students are still doing tie dye. The final incentive will be

staff lip sync coming up likely in February. Blenderz will be doing a dinner destination in February, the owner is proposing to offer every Monday for the month of February.

Communication- Cara Friend- Gasper is working on the website. It will be discussed what information is important to include on the website.

Committee Reports:

DEI update- Jenny and Jamie- A survey was sent out about how inclusive and welcoming the PTA was perceived to be. Results will be shared at the next meeting. ROPAC will have meeting about IEPs on January 18, February meeting will be on inclusive summer programs. Meeting for DEI will be held after general meeting.

Talent Show- Christina Hipp- Talent show will be in April or May TBD. Looking for parent help to organize the event.

Book Fair- Laura Nagrant- Very successful book fair. December made over \$10,000! Provides scholastic dollars for the school.

Pixie Shop- Was very well received.

Lost and Found- Paige- We will continue with efforts to organize and display items. We may trial a lost and found week for parents to pick up items from the lobby.

Reflections- Lauri- Show Your Voice is theme and Open House will be held to showcase work.

Watch Dogs- Jason- Looking to have dogs scheduled. It is a program to get fathers involved volunteering in the school. D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) arrive 10 minutes before bell rings and stops by classrooms (priority their child's classroom but visit others). Looking for volunteers for drop off squad.

Nominating Committee- Terri on behalf of Kristin Smith- We are looking for someone to chair the nominating committee who can ideally join Kristin now to prepare for elections in spring. For next year we will need to appoint a new President, VP Membership, VP Fundraising, Treasurer, and Member-At-Large due to terms ending.

Old Business:

*There's a meeting on Wednesday with committee appointed by Mr. Boyer to discuss new playground equipment.

*Discussed getting a fence in the back perimeter of school playground due to safety concerns from parents

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm