

April General PTA Meeting Minutes

Mountain PTA



April 8 2019 / 12:11pm / Meeting called to order by Mhairi McKay-Smith, Mountain PTA President

In Attendance

Karen Morris, Natalie Morgan, Cathy Snelson, Amanda Padilla, Esther Smidt, Ruth Burns, Lissie Ham, Scott Johnson, Anna Zobay, Sigrid Wurthmann, Liz Martineau, Zeynep Unal, Erin Cook, Jennifer Kieltyka, Mhairi McKay-Smith, Kristy Ortega, Chris Jordan, Ramey Sallaz

Introductions

Mhairi McKay-Smith thanked everyone for attending the meeting, explained that meetings follow Robert's Rules of Order and that only PTA members can vote.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were distributed from the March General Meeting. Karen Morris made a motion to approve the March minutes which was seconded by Lissie Ham. Approved by show of hands.

New Business

PTA Officer Elections

Nominating Committee chairperson Kristy Ortega reported there was full slate of nominees for 2019-2020 Mountain PTA Officers: Kristy Ortega (president), Ruth Burns (vice-president), Natalie Morgan (treasurer) and Karen Morris (secretary). Each nominee introduced herself and explained her interest in serving as an officer. A request was made for any nominations from the floor but none were made. Ballots were distributed to members at the meeting, collected and counted by secretary Ramey Sallaz and treasurer Chris Jordan. The fifteen members present voted unanimously for the nominees.

Grant Requests

Lissie Hand made a motion to move \$500 from educational grants to general grants which was seconded by Ruth Burns. The grant was approved by a show of hands.

Dyslexia Webinar - Mrs. Wurthmann

Karen Morris made a motion to approve a \$200 grant for Sigrid Wurthmann to participate in a dyslexia webinar. The motion was seconded by Cathy Snelson and approved by a show of hands.

Crayon Initiative - Ruth Burns

Amanda Padilla made a motion to approve a grant not to exceed \$120 for flyers and shipping for a recycling program. The motion was seconded by Kirsty Ortega and approved by a show of hands.

6th Grade Activity

Mrs. Cook reported that the 6th grade activity changed from a ropes course to Glorietta Camps because of administrative issues at the ropes course. The camp will be May 23 and costs \$1,629.

Lissie Ham made a motion to rename the ropes course line item in the budget to 6th grade activity line item. The motion was seconded by Chris Jordan and approved by a show of hands.

LAPS Security Grant Application - Mrs. Guy

Mhairi McKay-Smith presented information from Jennifer Guy who was unable to attend the meeting. The security grant that was submitted to the state for Mountain included perimeter control/fencing, keyless entry, and cameras. The security measures amounted to \$225,000. The security grant awards will be announced on July 18, 2019.

Family Literacy Night - Ms. Wurthmann

Sigrid Wurthmann reported that Family Reading Night was shaping up well. Scholastic Dollars covered the expense of books to give away during the event. Chartwells will provide the meal and Rane Stewart (school secretary) is working with them. Volunteers are coming from LAHS Key Club and National Honor Society. PTA will have an information table and sell Mountain shirts.

Family Math Night - Mrs. Unal and Mrs. Martineau

Zeynep Unal and Liz Martineau presented information about the upcoming Family Math Night on May 9. Mathmuseum will set up traveling math exhibits in the gym. Dinner will be provided and is being coordinated by Rane Stewart. They are exploring the idea of a makers space with make and take projects.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Jordan reported that in March Mountain PTA had income of \$4,283.29. and spent \$18,908.36. Spending includes the \$12,000 smart board invoice and \$970 for the Eagle Scout grant. The effective bank balance is \$38,840.71. Teachers have been reimbursed for \$5,768 in Mad Money for classroom supplies thus far. The grant money balances are \$159 for educational grants and \$6,535 for general grants. Estimate to end the year with approximately \$8,000 in the bank to cover summer spending and fall start up costs.

President's Report

Mhairi McKay-Smith thanked Ester Smidt for organizing staff lunches during conferences. Volunteers are still needed to staff the Book Fair and do receive a 10% discount. Julie Weins is chairing the Teacher Appreciation Committee for Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10). Mhairi also thanked the incoming elected officers for volunteering to serve on next year's board.

Membership Report

Ramey Sallaz reported that Mountain PTA has 93 members.

Principal's Report

Principal Jennifer Kieltyka reported that the Mountain Systems Award will be discussed at a LAPS School Board special meeting on April 11 at 8:30 am. Also the district is working on the Facilities Master Plans which is updated every five years. On April 25 the architects will do walk through evaluation at Mountain with Mrs. Kieltyka, meet with staff after school, then host a parent meeting with parents at 5:50.

May 22 is field day for fifth and sixth graders as well as Mountain Family Picnic.

Committee Reports

Teacher Lunches - Esther Smidt

Esther Smidt reported that teacher lunches during conferences went very well. Lunches were provided on the Wednesday and Thursday. Teachers and staff were very appreciative. Esther suggested tweaking the menu for next year.

Yearbook

Ramey Sallaz reported that yearbooks are \$20 and are still available to purchase. The yearbook will be submitted to the publisher on April 8th and delivered to Mountain by May 19. Jerry Fadner worked very hard on the layout and design of the yearbook and his help was greatly appreciated.

1st Day School Supplies

The online store is open and flyers will be sent home in May for interested parents to order school supplies. PTA provides this as a service for families and does not use it as a fundraiser.

Box Tops

Lissie Ham reported that Box Tops are going digital and will roll out the program this summer. Modifications will have to be made to how Mountain promotes and collects Box Tops next year.

Announcements

Family Literacy Night: April 18 5:30-7pm

Book Fair April 18, 22, 23 & 24 (Use SignUp Genius to volunteer)

Next Meeting

Monday, May 6th, 2019 / 12:10pm Mountain School Library

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm