



January 22, 2024

PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm

Introductions are made. We have several new attendees!

Approval of minutes - Lissie approves, Ali seconds, minutes approved

## **President's Report**

We need to start looking for officers for next year. We will vote in April. Lissie can't be president again. She's planning to chair the Halloween Carnival which will make the president's job easier. Anyone interested in taking over can contact us via email at [officers@mountainpta.org](mailto:officers@mountainpta.org).

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Budget update**

See document on website

## **Voting on New Treasurer**

Ashley Silvera - Lissie nominates Ashley as the new treasurer.. Ali seconds and Stephanie thirds. All in favor. Ashley is our new treasurer! Ashley Silvera will be added to the PTA bank account and Michelle Čertik will be removed.

## **Grant requests**

The Kindergarten team has submitted a request for \$200 to go on a field trip to SALA to watch Cinderella. They are learning about kings and queens in their ELA unit and would like to see the movie to compare and contrast with the literature. This would be a fun and memorable experience for the kindergarteners and would support a local business. Megan moves to approve, Lissie seconds, all in favor. Grant approved.

## **Membership report**

20 members + 2 who joined during the meeting

## **Principals Report**

There have been staff shortages throughout the school year, but Mountain has been able to hire some new people and is now almost fully staffed. Several new EAs have been hired. They've hired some excellent people.

Attendance is looking better than last year! It's currently at 97%.

Megan is starting a Student Council for next year. Kids will run for office if approved by their teachers. She wants this to help school be more fun for the kids. She's hoping the Student Council will help encourage some fun events and service activities throughout the school year.

In February there will be a PreK event - Love Around the World.

In April we will have an event called Math is Everywhere. The Math Lab teacher will be in charge. Other teachers will be involved and the display boards purchased by the PTA will be used.

Megan is meeting regularly with teachers and staff about their needs and the curriculum. We have three teachers who will be National Board Certified this year.

Science Fair was awesome and Mountain students showed up. The spelling bee district champion was also a Mountain student.

## **New business**

### **PTO vs. PTA**

We are trying to gather information to compare and contrast PTO organizations and PTA organizations. Mountain has the only PTA in the district. Sometimes the rules and requirements feel restrictive and tedious and we don't take advantage of many of the benefits. We are considering switching to a PTO. No one has to pay a fee to join a PTO. PTO can be difficult as far as taxes go, but we have to do a lot of similar things for PTA. We will keep looking at the possibility and comparing to decide if it would be worth it to switch. PTO would need to file with the IRS to become a nonprofit, which might be difficult to do.

### **Senior Appreciation requests**

The Senior Appreciation program is in jeopardy. They don't have the money they need. They're asking if we can give more than we usually do. We have some money to play with because reading night is not happening. Lissie moves that we move \$200 from family reading night into the fund for senior appreciation so we can give them \$300. Megan seconds, Stephanie thirds, motion approved. Lissie moves that the remaining \$300 in the Reading Night budget be moved to Family Math Night. Megan seconds, Ali thirds, motion approved.

### **PTC Food Sign Up**

The PTA will fund a pizza lunch on one day, we will send out a signup for soup on the second day, and a signup for snacks on the third day. Megan will be doing "room service" snacks and drinks for teachers as well.

### **Lunch Volunteers**

Lunch volunteers make a huge difference. Serving lunch at Mountain is not easy because we do not have a cafeteria. Tables have to be set up in the gym, giving us a limited time to serve lunch and let the kids eat. Volunteers are needed most 11:20 to 12:20. Watch for a signup sheet to go around.

### **All Voices Meeting**

Parents can come and learn about the school and provide suggestions and educate us about their culture and what makes them feel valued and welcomed. The meeting will be Tuesday the 30th at 3:30.

## **Next PTA Meeting**

Monday, February 26th at 7:00 at Mountain Elementary. Lissie will be out of town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

## **Attendance**

Megan Lee  
Lissie Ham  
Ashley Silvera  
Chelsie Wilson  
Rissa Baker  
Ali Hansell  
Jessica Maurine  
Claire Jenkins  
Mary  
Stephanie Haaser  
Esther Smidt