# May General PTA Meeting Minutes Mountain PTA



May 6, 2019 | 12:15pm | 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, Todd Baker, Julie Weins, Lindsey Gibson, Kandice Favorite, Jennifer Montoya, Sigrid Wurthmann, Liz Martineau, Zeynep Unal, Anna Zobay, Scott Johnson, Soledad Lopez, Kayla Ferguson, Alyssa VanAnne, Bernadette Ziomek, Tony Hinojosa, Jennifer Kieltyka, Mhairi McKay-Smith, Kristy Ortega, Chris Jordan, Ramey Sallaz

## Introductions

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

## Approval of Minutes

The April General Meeting minutes were linked in the PTA newsletter and distributed at the May meeting. Lissie Ham made a motion to approve the April minutes which was seconded by Natalie Morgan. Approved by show of hands.

#### **New Business**

#### **Grant Requests**

Technology - Linda Hand

Karen Morris made a motion to approve \$600 for three magnetic whiteboards which was seconded by Cathy Snelson. The grant was approved by a show of hands.

## Construction and Security Grant Update

Jennifer Kieltyka presented information for Jennifer Guy who was unable to attend the meeting. Due to delays in submitting the application, construction won't begin until summer 2019. Asbestos abatement in the 100 wing (5th & 6th classrooms) will occur this summer. Portables will be moved onto campus this summer but will not be inhabitable until October or November. Construction in the 200 wing (kinder, 1st & 2nd classrooms) is planned for summer 2020. Teachers will have two days to pack but not until 2019-2020 school year.

#### Art to Remember Funds

Lissie Ham made a motion to create a line item to hold funds raised from Art to Remember for the Mountain art teacher. Scott Johnson seconded the motion and it was approved by a show of hands. The art teacher will submit receipts to the PTA treasurer to be reimbursed from this fund. NMPTA agreed this was allowable.

# Treasurer's Report

Chris Jordan reported that in April and the first week of May Mountain PTA had income of \$6,071 and has spent \$20,950. Spending includes the \$12,000 smart board invoice, \$4,108 for the yearbook, and \$3,400 for mad money. The effective bank balance is \$36,502. The grant money balances are \$346 for educational grants and \$6,035 for general grants. We are largely under budget and will end the year with approximately \$18,000.

Three line items were over budget. The following increases were proposed: increase insurance from \$400 to \$415, increase FUNd Run from \$1,300 to \$1397.71, and increase Halloween Carnival Silent Auction from \$0 to \$343.55. Cathy Snelson made a motion to increase the budget for these specific line items for ease with the PTA audit. Lissie Ham seconded the motion and it was passed by a show of hands.

A summer budget committee will convene in July to draft the 2019-2020 PTA budget. Chris Jordan asked Mrs. Kieltyka to join the committee. Chris also invited any others who are interested in joining the budget or audit committees to contact PTA officers.

Karen Morris made a motion to approve \$5,000 for summer PTA spending which was seconded by Julie Weins. The motion was approved by a show of hands. The summer budget includes, but is not limited to, insurance, PTA website annual renewal, printing of welcome packet and FUNd Run packets, staff back to school gift, spirit wear for school store, Family Breakfast, OtterPops for list day, and Halloween Carnival.

# President's Report

Mhairi McKay-Smith expressed her appreciation to the Mountain Community in her final president's report, thanking volunteers, teachers, staff, the principal, and PTA officers. Our PTA is in a financially strong position thanks to the generosity of families and community sponsors. Mhairi specifically thanked the Chrobocinski family for their support.

Mhairi reported that this year's carnival chair, Todd Baker, suggested finding a new Halloween Carnival chairperson and asked those present to consider leading the carnival next fall. She thanked the reading committee for a very successful Family Literacy Night. Family Math Night is coming up and could use volunteers. A special thanks to Mrs. Unal for organizing Math Night and bringing it back this year.

# Membership Report

Ramey Sallaz reported that Mountain PTA has 94 members.

# Principal's Report

Principal Jennifer Kieltyka reported that the topics of construction and Family Math Night had already been discussed. The calendar in May is a very full with too much happening for her to discuss in her report. Motivational speaker Kasey McCallister will be speaking at an up-coming assembly.

# Committee Reports

### Teacher & Staff Appreciation - Julie Weins

Julie Weins reported that many special things are planned for Teacher & Staff Appreciation next week, including breakfast, desserts, a school supply cart, a snack cart and small gifts. Chris Jordan made a motion to increase the teacher appreciation line item by \$100. This was seconded by Lissie Ham and approved by a show of hands.

## Book Fair - Chris Jordan

Chris Jordan reported that the spring book fair earned \$1,338.32 and did not meet the budgeted goal of \$1,500. The fair only ran for four days due to scheduled snow day. Discussed planning for next year to ensure the book fair is open five days and during lunchtime.

## Yearbook - Ramey Sallaz

Ramey Sallaz reported that 215 yearbooks have been sold and more are available for \$20. Kristy Ortega made a motion to sign a one year contract with Memory Book for 2019-2020 yearbook. The motion was seconded by Karen Morris and approved by a show of hands.

#### 1st Day School Supplies - Ramey Sallaz

The online store is open and flyers will be sent home May 8 and the last week of school.

## Box Tops Lissie Ham

Lissie Ham reported that the Box Tops second semester winner would be announced next week and would have a party. Although there will be changes to the Box Tops program next year it was recommended to continue with a line item of \$200 to cover shipping and celebrations.

### **Announcements**

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: May 6-10

Family Math Night: May 9, 5:30 – 7 pm

Family Picnic: Wednesday, May 22, 11:00 – 12:00pm

## Next Meeting

September 2019

Meeting was adjourned at 1:12pm