

September General PTA Meeting Minutes

Mountain PTA



September 10, 2018 | 12:12pm | Meeting called to order by Mhairi McKay-Smith, Mountain PTA President

In Attendance

Karen Morris, Lindsay Gibson, Lissie Ham, Becky Cocina, Karen Doebling, Kandice Favorite, Cathy Snelson, Luis Chacon, Isabel Cuesta, Amanda Padilla, Elena Perez, Brandi Seekins, Sigrid Wurthmann, Soldedad Lopez, Scott Johnson, Anna Zobay, Jennifer Kieltyka, Mhairi McKay-Smith, Kristy Ortega, Chris Jordan, Ramey Sallaz

Approval of Minutes

The notation of meeting minutes were distributed from the May General Meeting and the Special Meeting on May 23, 2018. The official meeting minutes were not received from last year's secretary for either meeting. NMPTA advised Mountain PTA to submit notes from last year's president Ramey Sallaz as the notated minutes.

Cathy Snelson made a motion to approve May General Meeting notation of minutes which was seconded by Karen Morris. Approved by show of hands.

Cathy Snelson also made a motion to approve May Special Meeting notation of minutes which was seconded by Karen Morris. Approved by show of hands.

Budget

The new budget for the 2018-2019 school year was distributed by Chris Jordan, PTA Treasurer. Mhairi McKay-Smith (last year's treasurer) explained that, pending fundraising, the budget was in a healthy place and was approved provisionally at the May 2017 meeting.

Elena Perez made a motion to approve the budget which was seconded by Cathy Snelson. The budget was approved by show of hands.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Jordan reported that the audit for the 2017-18 school year was completed on 8/21/18, submitted to NMPTA, and IRS documents were delivered to the accountant. Liability insurance was purchased on 8/23/18.

The PTA approved \$12,000 for Smart Boards/Interactive Projectors at the May 23rd, 2018 meeting last year, expecting to be billed for that during the summer, however we haven't been billed yet. Thus the General Grants budget line is \$16,000 instead of the normal \$4,000.

Teachers' mad money reimbursements will be distributed now that the budget has been approved. FUNd Run contributions are beginning to come in from community partners and parents.

President's Report

Mhairi McKay-Smith reported that our fundraising focus for the coming year is technology, per requests from Mountain teachers and staff. Our PTA provided all staff with t-shirts at the start of the year as a staff appreciation gift. Also at the start of the school year we coordinated and delivered 163 school supply kits ordered by Mountain families.

Membership Report

Ramey Sallaz reported that Mountain PTA has 75 new members from August to September 10, 2018. This is an increase from last year when we had 55 at the first meeting.

Principal's Report

Principal Jennifer Kieltyka presented her report. All Smartboards/Interactive Projectors have been delivered to Mountain. The school is waiting for a quote from the company to schedule the installation.

Homecoming Spirit Week is September 24-28.

New Business

Grant Requests

1. Miguel Chacon Eagle Scout Project from 2017-2018

Karen Doebling made a motion that the previously approved budget be amended to include an expenditure of \$350 that was not included. The motion was seconded by Cathy Snelson and approved by a show of hands.

2. Third Grade Guided Reading

Cathy Snelson made a motion to approve a \$390 educational grant for guided reading which was seconded by Becky Cocina and approved by a show of hands.

3. Third Grade Cameras

Cathy Snelson made a motion to approve a \$400 educational grant for cameras which was seconded by Lissie Ham and approved by a show of hands.

4. Third Grade Science

Lissie Ham made a motion to approve a \$110 educational grant for science consumables for the new science standards. Cathy Snelson seconded the motion and it was approved by a show of hands.

5. Second Grade Ready Reading Program

Karen Morris made a motion to approve a \$500 educational grant for a differentiated reading program for second grade. Amanda Padilla seconded the motion and it was approved by a show of hands.

Mrs. Lopez offered to use her \$250 Mad Money to cover the remaining costs of the reading program.

6. Tony Hinojosa Running Club

Karen Morris made a motion to approve a \$232 educational grant for lap counting software, toe tags and charms. Cathy Snelson seconded the motions and it was approved by a show of hands.

The remaining \$50 will come from the club line-item in the budget.

LAPS Prevention Specialist & Healthy Schools Initiative

Brandi Seekins explained her role as a prevention specialist working with elementary students and focusing on truancy, suicide prevention, and bullying. She supports parents as well as teachers and counselor with information on social-emotional education. Ms. Seekins is interested in working with our PTA on a parent evening giving tools and strategies for parents on bullying and mindfulness.

Committee Reports

Fund Run: October 3, 2018

Kristy Ortega reported that FUNd Run packets were distributed to students. The new Mountain Marvel t-shirts are for sale. Volunteers can sign up to help or come to a FUNd Run planning meeting. Pedometers will be handed out to students again this year and PTA is consulting with local service organizations to find a sponsor to purchase them.

Box Tops

Lissie Ham reported that Mountain earned \$1,123 from Box Tops in the 2017-2018 school year. New Box Tops collection containers are in every classroom and a whole school competition is underway. All are encouraged to download the Box Tops App to earn bonus Box Tops.

Family Breakfast

Mhairi McKay-Smith thanked volunteers for helping make Family Breakfast as success. There was an exceptional volunteer turn-out this year which helped Family Breakfast run smoothly. We served over 400 people. Thanks to the generous donations from Starbucks and Ruby K's we came in under budget at \$533.91.

Announcements

Upcoming Event: *FUNd Run Wednesday, October 3rd at Urban Park*

Next Meeting

Monday, October 1st, 2018 | 12:10pm in the Mountain School Library

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm