

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAURICE HAWK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Thursday, May 24, 2018- 7:30pm

Call to Order: Sonia Gawas called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

16 people in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from January 2018 meeting were presented and approved by vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial report for 2017/2018 was presented
 - Stephanie Thomas made a motion to approve; Melinda Van Dillen seconded and report was approved.
- Financial draft report for 2018/2019 presented
 - Will remove the line item for Original Artworks program as it will not be done in this calendar budget
 - Mini grant amount to remain at 2017/18 level
 - Assemblies will be kept to 3 for the school year
 - Final budget for the 18/19 school year to be presented at the September 2018 General PTA Meeting

2018/2019 Executive Board Slate

- PTA Executive Board nominees were presented for a vote.
- New board was approved – Melinda Van Dillen made the motion to vote, Jawahar Lal seconded
 - President – Sonia Gawas
 - Secretary – Padma Katapalli
 - Treasurer – Minhwa Cho
 - Executive VP – Sejal Pandya
 - VP, Communications – Vasanti Anand
 - VP, Special Events – Graelynn McKeown
 - VP, Membership – Neelam Khanna

Committee Reports:

- Staff Appreciation – was a themed event this year and was very well received.
- Trenton Thunder – will be under review for next school year due to declining participation
- Family Carnival – is ready to go and in need of parent volunteers.
- Upcoming events include the 3rd Grade picnic and Hawk Walk

Other Business

- Calendar change – PTA Board of Directors will be moved to June 18th

- PTA webmaster Mr. Lal proposed creating an intern program for college level students to assist with the upgrade to the current PTA website
 - Phase one upgrades to enhance user experience completed
 - Next phase will include upgrades to the donation page
 - Interns would work in a digital sandbox to ensure site security; Mr. Lal would implement final upgrades once tested.
 - No objections from attending members

Principal's Report

- Ms. Buell praised the success of the International Fair and noted its role as a community-building event.
- Thanks were given to Mrs. Allesee for the third grade music concert and to Mrs. Chapin for her musical accompaniment.
- Curriculum work
 - WW-P has many professional development opportunities for teachers that benefit our student community. Examples include:
 - Literary Workshop – ongoing units of study
 - Developing Talk – built around partnerships and how students should participate in book club groups
 - Text Complexity – 3rd grade program
 - Math Workshop – program began with 5th grade and each year the district incorporates a grade. This summer we will do 2nd and 3rd grades
 - Next Gen Science Standards (NGSS) – working on incorporating new units of study across the districts and grades that are inquiry-based. All new units will have been piloted and incorporated by 2020
- Dual language immersion program
 - 49 students enrolled divided between AM and PM K classes.
 - Programs at the K level will be 90% immersion; by 1st grade they move to 50/50
- Construction
 - Contractors will move into the building by June 1 using the computer room for staging.
 - Construction will begin this summer mainly outside for the new bus loop and parent drop-off area.
 - September 2018 – will be important to communicate new school entrance and policies to parents at the start of the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Van Dillen, Secretary