

MINUTES

Meridian Elementary PTSA 9.7.30 General Membership Meeting

Date | time 9/9/24 | 7:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Amy Jacobsen

In Attendance

Sign In Sheet – attached

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Ashley motioned to approve the minutes from the June 2024 general meeting and the June Special meeting on 6/6 as written; motion was seconded and passed.

President's Report – Amy Jacobsen, President

- Apex fundraiser was introduced and explained to new families

Treasurer's Report – Heather Macey, Treasurer

- Reviewed attached report
- Discussed upcoming financial review requirements. Laura Cole will be the head of the financial review committee – looking for 2-3 members to join committee and complete financial review. This is about a 1-3 hour time commitment and usually done twice a year in the evening or daytime.

Principal's Report – Stephanie Barringer, Principal

- Thanks for the ice cream social, it was a great event.
- Due to the IVT (Involuntary transfer) process, and our low enrollment in 1st grade, one teacher will be retiring at the end of this week. There will be shuffling across grade levels and a new split class (1st/2nd) will be created. Families will be notified on Thursday of upcoming changes.
- Meridian lost funding last year (no longer a Title 1 school), this is tied to our enrollment and not having enough families that qualify for free and reduced lunches. If we meet 40% of enrollment qualifying for free and reduced lunches, additional funding is available to the school. Families will be seeing paperwork and details soon. Even though lunches are free, please fill out this paperwork.

Teacher's Report

- Mrs. Lyons presented Disney Musicals in schools – Meridian will have this program at our school this year and it's Aladdin, Program available to 3rd – 5th graders. Teaching artists from Seattle Theatre Group will come in and work with kids. Meetings are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for 90 minutes for 18 weeks – at the end of the program the kids will perform both at Meridian and at the Paramount in Seattle. Looking for volunteers – see Mrs. Lyons if you're interested. Program kicks off in October.

New Business

- Apex – Kicked off today. Looking for volunteers for the fun run on Thursday 9/19.
- Ice Cream social – event was a huge success; we have 62 paid PTSA members.
- Mariners game – fundraiser for PTSA, attend the game on Sunday 9/29, should have received an email to purchase tickets.
- Spiritwear – Sales will start on 9/20. Students will come home with a flyer, can pay via check or online.
- PTSA Newsletter- Andrea is going to start a newsletter, membership reviewed draft of the first edition. Discussion occurred regarding how to distribute. Will be emailed to all families via front office, available on Facebook and the PTSA website.
- Art – Ashley introduced the Art Docent program, still looking for art docents for the following classes: Thurston, Macey, Keeton, Schaaf. If you are interested see Ashley.
- Monster Mash – Fall Dance for families, finalizing date now.
- Scholastic Book Fair- Will be the week of conferences, 10/21 – 10/25. More information will be coming soon.
- Reflections – This is a national PTA art contest. All types of art, visual, performing, etc. are included. This year's theme is "Accepting Imperfection." Proposal to include visual, performing, literature & photography as the categories for Meridian this year. Flyers with more information will be sent home. Proposed 11/18 as the due date for meridian. Tammie requested a line item be added to the budget for reflections, in the amount of \$100. Stephanie motioned to add this to the budget, motion was seconded and passed.
- Popcorn Fridays- This Friday 9/13 will be popsicle Friday. First popcorn Friday will be on 10/18. We need at least 4 volunteers for popcorn Friday events. Contact Tammie if you're interested.
- Restaurant nights- First one is on 9/19 at the Covington McDonalds from 5-7 pm. Other upcoming spots are Red Robin, MOD Pizza and the RAM.

Next Meeting

Monday 10/14 at 7 pm, Meridian Multi-Purpose Room/virtual

Adjourned by Amy Jacobsen, President at 8:05 pm

Minutes submitted by Danielle Bauder, Secretary