



**Pacific Cascade PTSA 2.6.41**

## **General Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 1:00-2:00pm

**Location:** Library Lab #1008

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**Board Attendees:** Kasey Trefethen, Shilpa Schuettenhelm, Laura Gaffney, Chelsea Ko, Toni Hunter, Liette Loiselle, Morgan Dye, Lily Jong, Stephanie Harris, Jitendra Vats

**Other PTSA Member Attendees:** Laurel Barik, Sherry Hassard

**Board Members Absent:** Emily Garner

With a quorum present, President Kasey called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

### **President's Report**

- Kasey welcomed everyone and noted that the staff appreciation chair position is open and we are actively trying to fill that spot. She also noted that the PTSA has booked a Mariners game for the spring for families to be able to purchase discounted tickets.

### **New Business**

- Nominating Committee Election— President Kasey outlined WSPTA Uniform Bylaws Article 5, Section 5A regarding the election of the nominating committee, and asked for nominations. Laura Gaffney nominated Laurel Barik. Laurel accepted. Laura Gaffney self-nominated. Kasey nominated Kate Weinstein; Kate could not be present but had indicated her acceptance of the nomination prior to the meeting. There were no other nominations and a voice vote was held. Laurel Barik, Laura Gaffney & Kate Weinstein were unanimously elected by voice vote to serve on the nominating committee for the 2024-25 officer roles. President Kasey verified that the nominating committee members are eligible to serve per the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws.

### **Secretary's Report**

- Laura noted the October GMM minutes were available in advance on our website. With no questions or changes the minutes were accepted as presented.
- Laura shared that the PTSA awards will be held in the spring with nominations opening in March for the golden acorn, outstanding advocate & outstanding educator awards.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Shilpa shared a summary of the October – December Treasurer's Report and noted the full report is available on the website. With no further question, the October – December Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.



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- Shilpa noted that the taxes were filed in November; in addition, insurance was renewed and good through 12/1/2024.
  - Shilpa reviewed the changes to the 2023-24 Operating Budget related to the Mariners event (which falls under Other Fundraising). She noted that while the overall budget year-end net shows a negative amount that it is unlikely all expenses will be utilized even though they are budgeted for. Morgan made a motion that we increase the Other Fundraising income to \$4,500 and increase expenses to \$2,100 to account for the Mariners event. The motion was seconded. Jitendra raised a question of whether we should cut expenses but Shilpa noted that in addition to expenses likely coming in lower, there are also reserves that it could be good to tap into. With no further questions, Kasey called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Principal McGowan** joined the meeting at 1:09pm and presented a brief update on school happenings.

- Feb 12 is the 5<sup>th</sup> grade visit (students during the day and parent info night in the evening)
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders – IHS Counselors will be at PCMS on 3/1 to help answer questions; wait for those sessions before additional high school questions to the PCMS counselors.
- March 25 is set for the Cultural Fair.
- The staff have noticed some issues with laptop care so will be discussing with students to try to prevent problems.
- The school is still trying to find an IM Basketball coach (have gotten interest but then factors like early afternoon time commitment riding bus to games has made it hard for people to commit). Principal McGowan noted that IM basketball and IM girls soccer both start later than the JV/Varsity teams so there is a bit more time before needing to cancel those teams.

With no further questions, he left the meeting at 1:18 pm.

### Programs, Director & Committee Reports

- **Membership** – Kasey shared update on Emily's behalf.
- **Programs** – Chelsea spoke on the upcoming district Reflections reception & the February staff breakfast; Stephanie spoke on Cultural Fair noting that students will have the opportunity to provide the entertainment.



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- **ASB** – Morgan shared the school will have a social on the Friday before February break; Joana is the point person since Morgan will be absent. The school asked that we not sell anything at the social as students mostly won't have access to their backpacks/purses, etc.
  - **ISF** – No further updates.
  - **Outreach** – Lily noted that outreach activities are going well thanks to responsive volunteers. She is waiting to hear about food drive in March. Member Sherry Hassard noted that she can help with power pack pick-ups if needed.
  - **Advocacy** – Jitendra shared update from the WSPTA Legislative Assembly and the top 5 Legislative Priorities for 2023-2024.
  - **FACE** – Liette noted that this role is not only about new families, but also community engagement for everyone. Liette highlighted the PCMS family liaison's contact info as well as upcoming events for those new to the US school system (or even out of state).

With no further questions or new business, Kasey adjourned meeting at 1:36pm.

**Respectfully submitted by Laura Gaffney, Secretary**