



Pacific Cascade PTSA 2.6.41

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 6-7:30pm

Location: Library

Board Attendees: Kasey Trefethen, Laura Gaffney, Kate Weinstein, Emily Garner, Lily Jong, Stephanie Harris, Chelsea Ko

Other PTSA Member Attendees: Joana Figueiredo, Sherry Hassard, Elizabeth Super, Nicole Ossinger,

Other Non-Member Attendees: VyVy Lampa, 2 additional community members

Guest Speakers: Principal Jeff McGowan, ISD Board Director Marnie Maraldo, Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick

With a quorum present, President Kasey called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Principal McGowan presented a brief update on school happenings.

- Best start to the school year since before Covid. Plus great feedback regarding the Back to School BBQ followed the next day with a Fall Assembly for the kids he has gotten great feedback on both from parents and students
- October happenings
 - Clubs will start up
 - Fundraiser runs through 10/7
 - Wednesday mornings peer tutoring will be offered in the library
 - 10/2 at 5pm, 2nd Canvas for Parents event in the library
- Lunch adjustments have been received well: organized lunch dismissal to address the chaos at the beginning of lunch as well as prohibiting electronics the first 15 minutes of lunch
- Yearbooks on sale now. Prices will go up after winter break.

Kasey Introduced **ISD Board Director Marnie Maraldo** and **Superintendent Heather Tow-Yick**

ISD Board Director Marnie Maraldo presented on the 2024 Bond package and why PCMS PTSA members should support the bond. She wrapped up at 6:54pm and departed with Principal McGowan and Superintendent Tow-Yick.

New Business

- Endorsements
 - 2024 Bond - Kasey reiterated what had been presented by Board Director Maraldo. Laura Gaffney made a motion to endorse the 2024 Bond and Joana Figueiredo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed



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- Initiative 2109 - Kasey presented the information on the WSPTA opposing the initiative. Laura Gaffney made a motion to oppose the initiative and Lily Jong seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed
- Initiative 2117 - Kasey presented the information on the WSPTA opposing the initiative. Laura Gaffney made a motion to oppose the initiative and Lily Jong seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed
- Standing Rules Updates – Kasey reviewed the proposed changes to the standing rules. A motion was made and seconded to approve the standing rule changes as presented. There was no further question or discussion so Kasey called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- Election of Officers – Kasey noted that the next item of business was the election for Secretary since no one had been nominated for those positions in the spring 2024. She stated that the election would be held in accordance with the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws Article 5, Section 6 on local elections. Kasey asked for nominations from the floor. Laura Gaffney nominated Kate Weinstein. Kate accepted the nomination. Kasey asked for any further nominations. Hearing none, she declared the nominations for Secretary closed. Kasey then called for a voice vote to elect Kate as Secretary and she was unanimously elected.
- Nominating Committee Openings – Kasey indicated that we will need three members to be voted in as our nominating committee to help identify candidates for elected officer roles for 2024-25. There were no volunteers at this point so we will continue to look for nominees.

Secretary's Report

- Kate noted the June GMM minutes were available in advance on our website as well as hard copies provided at the meeting that evening. With no questions or changes the minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

- Laura shared a summary of the 2023-24 Annual Financial Report, noting the majority of funding going to curriculum enrichment and programs/events; the full report is available on the website.
- Annual Financial Review 2023-24: Lily Jong, the chair of the Annual Year End Financial Review committee shared the findings and noted that the financial records were in good order. The only recommendation is to have the bank statement reviewer also review reconciliations. With no further questions, the 2023-24 Annual Financial Report and Review were accepted as presented.
- Laura shared a summary of the July – August Treasurer's Report and noted the full report is available on the website. July was quiet and August income was membership fees and donations and the expenses were WA



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state PTA fees and paypal fees. With no further question, the July-August Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

- Laura reviewed the changes to the 2024-25 Operating Budget from the interim budget that had been passed in June 2024. She noted the 4 minor changes to the budget including expense increases to membership, cultural fair, and spooky bingo and a reduction to the family/student activities line item. Joana made a motion that we approve the operating budget as presented. The motion was seconded and with no further questions. Kasey called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Programs, Director & Committee Reports

- **Membership** - Emily shared we had 54 family memberships, 27 individual, 14 staff and 12 donated. Will do one more push for 4 more staff to join before allocating staff membership donations. The goal is to get 100% staff membership.
- **Programs**
 - Stephanie mentioned staff breakfast 10/9 - sign up for donations
 - Chelsea mentioned reflections date moved up to 10/25; chair will be Jenn Jamieson Leme
 - Chelsea announced new event this year, spooky bingo on 10/21
 - Java with Jeff and friends on 10/14 at 10am ("and friends" was added to include teachers who might want to attend)
 - Cultural night was so well received last year that it was requested the PTSA host back to back years so scheduled for 5/14
- **ASB**
 - 10/18 opens for popcorn shifts
 - spirit challenge each trimester and winning class will win prize partnering with PTSA
- **ISF** – Laura shared a brief update on Issaquah Schools Foundation support at PCMS.
- **Outreach** – Lily noted that there are both ongoing Outreach programs as well as some annual/one-time. Angel Closet, Power Packs from Issaquah Food Bank, snacks for the health room, and the support for the ASB spring food drive are all still happening.

Then Kasey reiterated Principal McGowan's statement about the current fundraiser through 10/7 and mentioned that Kid's Believe will take a portion of donations to fund their business so PTSA is accepting cash donations as well.



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Kasey also mentioned that counselor Miranda Williams is accepting donations for the new Lynx Lunch Lounge. It is a quiet, cozy space for students to have lunch as an alternative to the lunch room. Contact Miranda for a list of items that might be helpful.

With no further questions or new business, Kasey adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Weinstein, Secretary