

Turnagain PTA General Membership Meeting

September 6th, 2018

Turnagain Multipurpose Room

Minutes

Board Members Present: Amanda Mack, President; Rebecca Van Wyck, Treasurer; Elsita Kirchner, Secretary

Board Members Absent: Ryan Snow, Vice-President

Call to Order and Welcome: Time: 6:30 PM by Amanda Mack, President

I. Introduction of Board members and Committee leaders:

Board members present at meeting as well as committee leaders introduced themselves to parents. Chris Conlin, All Pro Dad's member explains that they meet the 2nd Friday of the month in the morning.

II. Changes to Agenda

No changes/ agenda's approval: Chris Conlin motions, second by Steve

III. May 3rd PTA General Membership Meeting Approval: Chris Conlin motions, second by Steve

IV. Review of PTA Goals -

1. Work on improving communication within the school's community
2. Build community through every activity and event
3. Organize and deliver STEAM for Turnagain Elementary as well as for the community at large

V. Principal's Corner:

Mrs. Batman talked about her history with Turnagain Elementary which started 19 years ago when she came to Anchorage from Dillingham. Her children went to Turnagain Elementary and during that time she obtained her teaching credential. Later in her career she continued to advance her studies while still teaching 6th grade first and then 3rd grade at Turnagain. Prior to becoming our school's principal Mrs. Batman worked as an assistant principal in several Anchorage schools.

Mrs. Batman provided information in regards:

- The loss of a 2nd grade teacher during the 2nd week of school. She is looking to fill position
- The gardens are finished and bathrooms in purple hallway remodeled
- MPR was remodeled and gym repaired.
- The hill behind the play structure area in the playground will be excavated to create a grassy area for children to play.
- There are 3 art pieces that will be done inside and outside of the school this year. The artists and art work were chosen by a committee.
- Students had their first Math testing this week

VI. Treasurer's Report – Rebecca Van Wyck, Treasurer

Rebecca explained that the State's PTA organization is offering an audit night which she will attend to finish the budget. She is also pondering about: What is the best way to fundraise money for the school? How can we be more mindful of how the money is spent? Rebecca thinks that the Skate-a-thon we will organize this year could potentially bring more funds than the fall fundraiser.

Rebecca took the time to explain some of the challenges she has to conciliate the budget. Due to the way transactions are done it is difficult to identify what they are for.

Discussed: Account Balance of 13,269.33; Read-a-thon, all of PTA contribution went back to it; Boon Supply/New online fundraiser where we get 50% of proceeds; Amazon Smiles, not enough parents use online feature; Skate-a-thon, we hope to get \$7,000 that will be used for rink maintenance, repairs, and PE equipment; Membership, we have a goal of 125 members; \$900 fees are used for operational costs such as permits, right to see movies at school, insurance, mail box, child care, food.

Budget approval: Chris Conlin motions, second by Steve

VII. Committee Reports

Ice Rink – Chris Conlin, Rebecca Van Wyck, Mr Young

The PTA is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Ice Rink through the winter to the tune of \$8,000. Organizing a Skate-a-thon can bring the school the needed funds to keep the facilities up to date for the students. Mr. Young stated that he has been involved in many fundraisers over the years and he feels positive about the process at our school. He adds that he is happy to see that Chris Conlin is stepping up to help him. However, he emphasizes that for the activity to succeed we need strong parental participation. The Ice rink is not just for the school but for the community.

Holiday Shoppe, Staff Appreciation – Karen Quintieri

6th Graders farewell celebration – Need to form a committee and speak with 6th grade teachers. Karen suggests the idea of students giving something to their school. What is the cost of 6th grade camp?

Halloween Dance and Haunted Hallway – October 12th, Caitlin J., DJ has been secured, children should come dressed in Halloween costume

Energy Expo Event (STEAM) - November 3rd, Mrs. Eastham – Solar, kinetic, wind, circuits, watershed model. Still recruiting presenters, deadline October 2nd.

VIII. **New Business:**

- Requested donation from members for recognition to past Board Member, obtained \$146
- Teachers working without a contract for the past 3 years – the PTA recognizes the situation and asked that the membership voice their opinion to support the school's staff.
- Training for Reflections Program, scheduled for 9/10/2018 by Alaska PTA. We are looking for a parent to step in as a coordinator for Turnagain PTA.
- Finding a school/recruitment for a school – process can be intimidating, no need to enter lottery if school is known in the community and the school finds a way to community's hearts. Andy

Good of the Order

No questions

Close Meeting: Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next meeting: October 11th, 8:00 am