

General Membership Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the general membership of the Skyline High School PTSA was held on Monday, January 8, 2007, at Skyline High School.

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Kara Neary at 12:20pm. A quorum was present.

Principal's Report

Jeff McGowan reported on the search for an interim principal. An offer had been extended to an interested candidate from whom the school is waiting to hear back. An E-News is forthcoming with the revised finals schedule. Makeup for the snow days is under investigation and various scenarios for seniors are being discussed, such as community service hours being used to offset school days missed. A waiver for the school day missed due to the power outage is also being explored.

As for the upcoming WASL, until further notice, passing the Math portion is still a requirement. A Mock Math WASL will be given in Geometry classes in late March. A WASL parent information session is planned for the evening of February 6.

A discussion ensued about the ninth grade campus and whether students from PCFC come to Skyline adequately prepared for the coursework. Some teachers report that the 10th grade students are not as well prepared. Heidi Fedore weighed in that using one year as a benchmark can be dangerous, and that it is not clear whether it is a trend.

President's Report

Kara Neary reported that the PTSA is investigating "**Challenge Day**," a program recently featured on "Oprah" intended to bridge various high school student cliques or heal specific issues within a high school. The program is seen as a value by both Jeff and Heidi. In the past, the Give-Get-Keep-Respect program, with a similar intent, was presented at Skyline. Discussion ensued that the Challenge Day program might bring about changes despite its risks. The issues at Skyline that need to be addressed include academic and social pressures. The Challenge Day program would cost around \$6000. An ISF grant to offset the cost would be required. The issue of maintaining the program through multiple years was also raised. Teresa Bretl mentioned that a new principal will want to put their own signature on the culture of Skyline, so it might be best to adopt a wait-and-see approach regarding Challenge Day. The issue of Skyline presenting the Challenge Day program remains under discussion within other groups, such as Site Council. Meanwhile, Kara has initiated a dialogue with Rob Rosemont, who heads up Link Crew, to positively promote the successes of Skyline. These efforts of positive public relations are being organized with the Issaquah PTSA Council Parent Education arm as well.

Kara also brought up the possibility of having **intramural sports** at Skyline as an alternative to dances and socials. She spoke with Jeff Chandler who suggested offering credit for Intramurals, in part because the .25 PE credit currently given to students participating in a sport is going to end. It was mentioned that Liberty High has a 7th period PE Class.

Kara introduced the idea of a **Newcomers Committee** whose responsibility it would be to put together a packet of information for parents new to the Skyline Community. The committee would need to have a budget line item added in the spring.

PTSA Committee Reports

Heather Gillette read the proposed statement regarding the **fifth middle school**, see attachment "A," and proposed it be read at the upcoming School Board meeting. The statement had been read at an earlier School Board meeting as coming from the Skyline PTSA Board. A discussion ensued about the various perceptions of the 9th grade campus including its successes and the reason it was built. Teresa Bretl motioned that the statement be read at the upcoming School Board meeting as coming from the Skyline PTSA General Membership. Kris Jarvis seconded. Motion carried. Members were encouraged to attend the School Board meeting at 7pm on January 10 at the District Administration building.

A motion was made by Suzanne Weaver to remove VP of Membership from the list of elected officers in **Standing Rule #11**. Teresa Bretl seconded. Motion carried.

Teresa Bretl introduced the **Nominating Committee** nominees, who are, in addition to herself, Lynda Albaum, Linda Guard, Kris Jarvis, and Connie Rawson. Jean Manis motioned that the nominees be elected. Suzanne Weaver seconded. Motion carried.

Teresa Bretl reminded the group that the deadline for registering for the **SAT Prep course** is March 13. Teresa also suggested that the organization's website www.satprep.org be included in any newsletter references since she does not handle their forms or money. Dates for holding a Mock SAT and a Mock ACT test are being investigated.

Changes to the **Mini Grants** process are underway. Many previous restrictions on the money are being removed, and the process will be oriented towards the semester schedule. Jean Manis read the thank you emails received by Patti Holladay for the staff grants given out in the fall.

The **Reflections Program** received a total of 52 entries. Of the 12 finalists that moved on to the district level, three of the entries were from PCFC.

CoCo Mills complimented Lynn Juniel, **Staff Appreciation Chair**, for her December treat of chocolates to the staff. She also reported that Lynn is considering a providing a vegetable/fruit platter to staff for their January treat.

Carrie Miller reported that she needed to remove herself from the **Parent Education Chair** position because of a family matter. She also mentioned that there would be an Internet Safety Seminar at Skyline on January 29 for which Skyline had put forth \$100.

Suzanne Weaver presented the monthly financial report for the period ending December 2006. See attached Exhibit "B." The report was approved, subject to audit.

Suzanne Weaved motioned to approve the minutes for the General Membership meeting held on November 13, 2006 as amended to read "League of Education Voters." Angela Hatfield seconded. All in attendance were in favor. See attached Exhibit "C".

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jean Manis
Secretary