

General Membership Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the general membership of the Skyline High School PTSA was held on Monday, October 9, 2006, at Skyline High School.

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Kara Neary at 12:17pm. A quorum was present.

President's Report

Kara Neary reported news from PTSA Council including an opportunity for parents to attend public input forums for the School District Superintendent search.

The dates of the Legislative Assembly were reviewed as October 13-14. E-news was reported as being up and running.

Kara announced that a chair was still needed for the Reflections Committee, although Co-President CoCo Mills will handle the duties as chair for the time being.

Additionally, the Unsung Heroes Committee is without a chair. A discussion ensued on how best to recognize the awardees including a possible revamp of the program or letting the program rest. A motion was made by Teresa Bretl to wait one month for a decision regarding the Unsung Heroes program. Jean Manis seconded. Motion carried.

Suzie Wiley made it known that she was the Skyline PTSA Table Captain at the upcoming ISF luncheon and that she was looking for attendees.

Mini Grants forms were given to staff members on October 4. A presentation of items selected for funding by the Mini Grants Committee will be presented at the next PTSA General Membership meeting.

The funds request of \$200 for Tiger Mountain High School was discussed. See Attachment "A." Suzanne Weaver motioned to create a line item for Tiger Mountain and fund it with \$200. Teresa Bretl seconded. Motion carried.

Principal's Report

Principal Ed Young introduced Humanities Chair Chris Bede and acknowledged his work with Skyline students in his Guided Studies class. Additionally Chris serves as the Coordinator for the Writing Lab. Ed mentioned that a Math Lab is in the works, as well, and would be available second semester.

Writing Lab

Chris explained the mission of the Writing Lab, which is primarily focused on individual writing instruction. See Attachment "B." He also spoke about greater community involvement this year including the concept of classroom readers.

Jean Manis motioned to fund the Writing Lab for \$1532.31. Carrie Miller seconded. Discussion ensued about other ways to fund the Writing Lab including through an ISF grant or the Mini Grants process. Jean explained that she had contacted the Mini Grants Committee Chair Patti Holladay about funding the Writing Lab via Mini Grants and was advised to tell Chris Bede to come to the PTSA directly for funding. Jean Manis amended her original motion to show a commitment that she and Chris would investigate other forms of funding including an ISF grant. Teresa Bretl seconded. Motion carried.

IB Coordinator

Marion Makin presented the Skyline IB Program Budget. See Attachment "C." She made a request for \$2000 to cover program expenses. A motion was made by Jolynn Kovalsky to give \$1300 to the IB program to purchase IB Chemistry books. Jean Manis seconded. Motion carried. Suzanne Weaver dissented.

A suggestion was made that in the future the PTSA Stipend Disbursement Chart be modified to reflect FTE hours devoted to the IB program so that the IB program could receive funding through that channel.

Mini Grants

A discussion ensued regarding the Mini Grants Committee process. A motion was made by Deb Morgan that the PTSA Board review mini grant choices. CoCo Mills seconded. It was also mentioned that the President is an *ex-officio* member of all committees except for the Nominating Committee.

Site Council

Kara presented a report on Site Council news from its September meeting. Mike Gallagher spoke to Site Council about a common course catalog for all of the Issaquah high schools. Retention of students at the ninth grade campus has gone into affect. A demographic study for district growth has been completed. IB grade weighting was also discussed at Site Council and Kara asked PTSA members to share their thoughts on IB recognition.

PTSA Committee Reports

Teresa Bretl on behalf of the Practice SAT/ACT Committee reported that 130 students attended the mock SAT test, and 90 students attended the mock ACT test. The SAT Prep, Inc. course is slated to begin tonight for which 58 students have signed up. The PTSA receives \$10 for each enrolled student.

Kelly Munn on behalf of the Legislative Committee reported that the Washington State PTA has endorsed a "No" vote on 920 on the upcoming election ballot, a repeal of the estate tax, because the repeal would be a detriment to education funding.

Suzie Wiley motioned to approve the minutes for the General Membership meeting held on September 18, 2006 as written. Kris Jarvis seconded. All in attendance were in favor. See attached Exhibit "D".

Suzanne Weaver presented the monthly financial report for the period ending September 2006. She mentioned that under "Projects" in Expenses that the expenses for the "Skyline Board Luncheon" were listed twice. The report was approved as amended, subject to audit. See attached Exhibit "E."

Jean Manis presented a restructured "PTSA Officers & Committee Chairs" to reflect PTSA Officers, Standing Committees, and Ad-Hoc Committees. See attached Exhibit "F."

Suzanne Weaver presented amended Standing Rules. See attached Exhibit "G." Jean Manis made a motion to adopt the Standing Rules with an additional amendment to item 15 as follows "The President or co-President shall be an *ex-officio* member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee." Kris Jarvis seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jean Manis
Secretary