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Little Cedars PTA General Membership Meeting
January 24, 2017

Board Members Present

<i>Co-President</i>	Kimi Guichard	<i>Advocacy Chair</i>	Tyana Kelley
<i>Co-President</i>	Jennifer Butler	<i>VP Programs</i>	Emily Walker
<i>Secretary (Interim)</i>	Lindsay McGee	<i>VP Communications</i>	Sara Johnson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Tracy Kays	<i>VP Fundraising</i>	Tanya Jaegel
<i>Principal</i>	Lew Dickert (Mr. D.)	<i>VP Events</i>	Erika Keating
		<i>Membership</i>	Amy Mann

Meeting Called to Order – Kimi Guichard at 7:02p.m
Quorum Present

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- (KG) asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 2016 GM Meeting. Motion was made by TK, seconded by TK and passed with no objections.

Guest Speaker – Superintendent Dr. Kultgen

- Introduction about his background. Explained he wanted to come to Snohomish because the district had a focus on relationships. Research has shown that a deliberate culture on relationships make the academic achievements sustainable.
- He has a focus on education for all students. Mentioned that you can reach about 85% of the students by conducting normal practices, but he wants the district to figure out how to reach the remaining 15%
- All Juniors in the district will take the ACT for free. This will help identify weaknesses as a district and they will use the results to develop systems for teachers.
- Our district does really well in the number of students that move on to college. Currently, 71% of students move onto college which is the highest in the region.
- The benefit of using the ACT vs the SAT is because the ACT has 5 different tests (science, math, reading, writing and English) which will give the district more data points to assess.
- A member asked about recess before lunch. Dr. Kultgen stated recess before lunch worked well in Montana (his previous location), but this had to be evaluated on a school by school basis. He would support this effort if it made sense with the specific school.
- One year from now there will be a levy renewal. This will be a technology and operations levy. A committee has been created. There is a desire to have the levy pass by a large percentage to show the community is on the same page.
- Multiple years down the road there will be another bond. This bond will be used to help lessen the gap between the facilities/buildings within the district.

Treasurer’s Report–Tracy Kays

- TK provided budget to actual reports on the tables for members to view.
- TK went through the report line item by line item and how the PTA was tracking on line items.

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- JB mentioned there was a request from the Choir teacher to create a new line item on the budget. The Choir is taking a field trip to a festival and the parents made checks out to the PTA instead of the ASB. The Choir needs the funds in the coming week but cannot use the checks unless the PTA deposits them and issues the funds back to the Choir to use for the field trip. Additionally, the Choir teacher requested we use the same line items to pay for the piano teacher that is rented out for various school events. The dollars are minimal and would be refunded by the district, but to simplify the process for the Choir/piano teacher they have made the request. This line item would not have an impact on the on the PTA's budget because they are in/out funds. There was discussion amongst the members and it was determined that the two different situations (choir festival funds and piano player payment) would be handled differently. The PTA agreed to depositing the parent checks written to the PTA and providing those funds back to the Choir so the students can attend the festival. The PTA will not make a practice of doing this, but would like to help the students since this was an honest mistake. The piano player situation will be researched further to determine is the PTA is allowed to be a passthrough for these transactions. TK made a motion to approve a line item being added to the programs budget to cover the choir entrance fees that were paid to the PTA by mistake, Lauren Hyatt seconded. The motion was passed with no objections.
- The Holiday Affair was cancelled due to school weather closure. All materials were purchased but have been set aside to use in the following year.

2017-2018 PTA Board – Kimi Guichard

- Tracy Kays, Kelly Van Valley, and Holly Young have volunteered to be on the nominating committee for the 2017-2018 PTA Board. KG asked if there were any objections, the membership voted, all in favor.
- The nominating committee will be collecting names of interested individuals for the board positions and present their recommendations in April. Names of interested individuals or recommendations are being requested.
- The following four positions are required to have a PTA : President, VP, Treasurer & Secretary.

Fundraising Update –Tanya Jaegel

- The Silent Auction will be held at the Spring Carnival in April. We are still in need of donations for the auction. Ideas for these items: themed baskets, gift certificates for services
- If there is interest in doing a full auction in the 2017-2018 school year there are interest meeting that started 1/24. There will be 3 more interest meetings to gauge the amount of support and interest there is for the coming year.
- The Spring fundraising will start 2/27 and run for two weeks. This will be a catalog sale fundraiser with plants, flowers, and food options. They provide prizes for the kids based on sales. They also provide prize opportunities for performing a good deed, so if a student does not participate in the sales they still have an opportunity to get a prize. LCE will receive 40% of the funds.
- There is another Elevated Sports event coming up 2/17.

Advocacy Update – Tyana Kelley

- TK discussed trying to get an early learning center onto the next bond. Originally it was thought the bond was coming up next year, but it will actually be a few years away. TK mentioned Dr. Koltgen said he would be open to discussing this with her. She also talked with the ECAP director in Lake Stevens to gain ideas on how they got their center approved.
- TK mentioned she would like us to try for more diversity in our PTA next year.



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Events Update – Erica Keating

- Talen show coming up in March
- Carnival coming up in April, which we will need multiple volunteers for.
- Still needing a few volunteers for the Father/Daughter Dance. This is an event put on by Watch Dogs, but the PTA supports the Watch Dogs and wants to help with volunteers.

Principal Update – Mr. D

- Kindergarten registration will all be on one day. March 20th from 1-7pm. Trying to make an event of it to get better numbers sooner.
- Full day kindergarten program is continued for next year.
- 713 students at LCE
- Monday 1/30/17 is a teacher in service day for report card prep. Report cards will be mailed the following Friday.
- Valley View students will come to LCE week of March 20th to talk with incoming students. There will be a parent event at Valley View on the 23rd.
- Spelling Bee is going to be hosted by Mrs. Winters.
- 6th grade camp is going to continue this year and will be April 12th – 14th
- Father/Daughter dance happening 2/3. We need to find a way to make these events more inclusive. Not just Fathers, but important people.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Lindsay McGee, Secretary