

MARINERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

April 11, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

SCHEDULED TIMES		ACTUAL TIMES		LOCATION
Start 7:00 pm	Stop 8:00 pm	Start 7:10pm	Stop 8:01pm	Jan Woods Classroom #18 Mariners Elementary

ATTENDEES

Officers

X Lori Williams (Chairman)	X Danielle Whisenand (Vice President)	Julie Ragatz (Secretary)
X Heather Scheck (President)	X Rani Braun (Treasurer)	

Board Members and Committee Chairs

Dan & Keri Bartlett	Mike Huntly & Laura Forbes	X Marshall & <u>Maria</u> Solomon
X Mike & Lela Briggs	Darrin & Courtney Norton	X John & <u>Amy</u> Von der Ahe
X Shane & Tiffany Brosnan	Craig & Heidi Perreault	John & Jaime Weber
X Sean & Lisa Casey	X Jason & <u>Noelle</u> Perrin	X Taylor & <u>Danielle</u> Whisenand
X Raf & <u>Aleece de Vengoechea</u>	Mark & <u>Tami</u> Santoni	Derek & <u>Melissa</u> Winberry
Jon & <u>Nicole</u> Dishon	X Ian & <u>Maryann</u> Sharpe	
Mark & Karen Ditteaux	Eric & Danielle Slutzky	
X <u>Georgina</u> & Brian Forbath		
X Paul & <u>Jennifer</u> Garcia		

Principal/Teacher Liaisons/Guests

Principal – Dr. Sacks, Jan Wood – Upper Grade Liaison

MINUTES

Welcome - President Heather Scheck called the meeting to order.

Presidents Report - Heather Scheck

Nomination Committee - Open Board Positions, Lela Briggs, Maria Solomon, Noelle Perrin

- We have an opening for President, year after next. Please email Heather Scheck if you are interested.
- 2 families are leaving the board. The Garcia's and the Solomon's are stepping down. We will vote for new, interested families at the June 2016 meeting. Please email Heather Scheck with nominees name.
- We need a slate in May for next year's officers. The vote will be in June.
- Heather will put an idea box in the front office to get suggestions from the general school population as to how they would like to see foundation funds spent.
- The subject of improvements for the Penne Ferrell Theater was again brought up. There have been lots of estimates of costs, with Chris Fahey stating he can provide more up to date equipment and better microphones. The question is

how much can he really donate or get donated for free? To really upgrade the building it could cost between \$40,000-\$60,000. Heather will look into it with the district, as any improvement would have to be district approved.

Treasurer's Report - Rani Braun

- Spirit Wear budget line item has been bumped up. Sales have been very successful.
- There has been an increase in the technology replacement reserve from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The assumption is that all Chrome Books will have to be replaced at some point in the next 5 years on a rotating basis.
- The technology budget will increase more in software than in hardware as we go forward.
- The annual fundraiser was a success again this year. We raised more than we have in past years, however, there is no guarantee that the trend will continue.
- The budget for the 11 current aides (\$138,435) has been submitted to the district ensuring that they will return in the same capacity. Current funding is \$181,000.
- There has been no change in the budget for aides at this point. The decision is not to replace any aide who resigns/retires was Pam Coughlin's decision.
- It was mentioned by Lori Williams, that if the function of the Foundation is to raise the money for this, but not within their realm to hire and fire or suggest to the administrator to do so.
- The reserved for use of aides can be increased, but use of the funds cannot be dictated by the Foundation members.
- It was mentioned that there is a \$10,000 on the table from this year's aide budget that has not been spent because one of the aides resigned in September.
- Question raised, has there been too much of a reduction in aide time in the classroom? Do teachers need more help and aide time?
- Jan Wood volunteered to create a survey for teachers to answer this question, and to explain how the teachers use the aides in each grade level.

Principals Report - Dr. Laura Sacks

- We need to start fresh with analysis of the needs and purpose of aides. We need to be careful because it is a big financial commitment.
- The 11 current aides will continue to be funded through next year, though how they are used may change after the analysis is complete. We can hire personnel anytime during the year if funds allow.
- We currently have more aides than any other school in the district. The next closest school is Newport Heights with 7 aides.
- Jason Perrin suggested a sub-committee be formed to learn more about aides. He agreed to chair the committee with Tiffany Brosnan, Maryann Sharpe, and Sean Casey. The committee plans to meet with each grade level to get their first priority.
- Laura Sacks again requested funding for the International Baccalaureate (IB) conference in Toronto this summer. She would like the foundation to cover \$1011.00 for the fee and another \$643.00 for the hotel. She already paid for the airfare.

- The board members raised questions as to the importance of this particular conference at this stage of the IB implementation at the elementary school level. It seems that IB is most emphasized in 11th and 12th grade. Although curriculum is being developed at the middle school level with the thought of it coming down to the elementary school level in the next couple of years. A decision on this matter has been tabled at this time for the second time. There is a surplus of money in the budget this year and the question was raised as to if this is how teachers and the principal want to spend this money.

Art Walk - Noelle Perrin

- Chair people are meeting with coordinators.
- Theme, “Made in California”.
- Date: May 14 from 7:00pm-10:00pm at The Museum.
- There will be lots of adult artwork for sale.
- Tickets go on sale next week.

4th of July - Jennifer Garcia

- They have three times the help this year than in the last two years.
- Kickoff begins right after Art Walk.
- Currently getting sponsorships will coordinate the parade and gift basket to sell.
- Question: Could we have a food and beer garden tent? Will check with the city next week regarding a permit.
- Hats, towels and lightweight backpacks will be available for purchase.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:40pm