

# MARINERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

## March 7, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

SCHEDULED TIMES		ACTUAL TIMES		LOCATION
Start	Stop	Start	Stop	Penne Ferrell Theater Mariners Elementary
7:00 pm	8:00 pm	7:06pm	7:57pm	

## ATTENDEES

### Officers

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

### Board Members and Committee Chairs

X Dan & Keri Bartlett	Mike Huntly & Laura Forbes	X Marshall & <u>Maria</u> Solomon
X Mike & Lela Briggs	X Darrin & Courtney Norton	X John & <u>Amy</u> Von der Ahe
X Shane & Tiffany Brosnan	X Craig & Heidi Perreault	X 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>	X Mark & <u>Tami</u> Santoni	Derek & <u>Melissa</u> Winberry
X Jon & <u>Nicole</u> Dishon	X Ian & <u>Maryann</u> Sharpe	
X Mark & Karen Ditteaux	Eric & Danielle Slutzky	
X <u>Georgina</u> & Brian Forbath		
Paul & <u>Jennifer</u> Garcia		

### Principal/Teacher Liaisons/Guests

Principal – Dr. Laura Sacks, Jan Wood – Upper Grade Liaison, Cathy Blue

## MINUTES

**Welcome** - President Heather Scheck called the meeting to order by thanking Mrs. Wood for her presentation last meeting. MESF is very supportive of anything that benefits our students and teaching staff.

Cathy Blue - Legacy Tiles

- Last years bench tiles are ready. Would like to do bench tiles for only two more years. Asking the foundation to purchase two benches now.
- Kindergarten wall has 64 spaces left. Our goal is to get all 64 spaces sold at \$50 per tile.
- Benches cost \$518.00 each.

### Treasurers Report: Tami Santoni for Rani Braun

- Our only major expense was the laminator we purchased last month for \$1800.

### Presidents Report - Heather Scheck

- Courtney Norton hosted a brunch and recruited all volunteers for Art Walk
- Melissa Meehan will be collecting adult auction items.

- Tiffany Brosnan will be selling tickets for Art Walk.
- Slate for next year - are you planning on coming back next year? As of right now we only have one slot open (Solomon's are leaving).

### **Principal Report - Dr. Laura Sacks**

- There is anxiety in the community about our school losing teacher aides. Still in the process of information gathering. Teacher aides are the number one thing that all teachers want to keep. We need to look at the budget and investigate. At this point no changes are to be made. That doesn't mean that there won't be program changes, but we know that we are not letting any staff go.
- Looking for volunteers to help with clerical task so aides are freed up to work with the children. We are looking at ways other schools use staff. We went to Newport El. Class sizes are the same as ours here at Mariners. They use credentialed teachers in the classrooms instead of IA's. These teachers are reading and writing specialists. Kids are grouped by ability and for about 30 minutes a day 3x a week those students get support.
- We are piloting the program in first grade. We've been talking to the design team about it. (Mrs. Wood commented that teachers new nothing about this pilot program). 3 aides are currently being borrowed from other grade levels to support the pilot program. Certificated teachers are able to pull children to a different room to work on targeted reading instruction.
- We are focusing on enrichment kids vs. intervention kids. All the kids move somewhere during time. Kids are not stuck in any particular group they will constantly be re-evaluated. We are launching the pilot after conference week.
- SIPPS - a new phonics program. We are using it for the first time here at Mariners. It has been implemented district wide. It helps us to ID learning problems early on.
- The pilot program will be no longer than 3 months. If we want to continue this model we would have to take a look at how the credentialed teacher aides will be paid. 3 months should be enough time for us to evaluate the program.
- The school currently has 13 teacher aides. If we implement the program that number would need to go down by half.
- The Gold Ribbon Team is coming to look at Mariners the day after open house.

### **Pledge Drive: Karen Dittaux, Melissa Winberry, and Keri Bartlett**

- An ad went out in Dover Shores Association magazine. This will hit 200 plus homes.

### **Spirit Wear - Heidi Perreault**

- We have seen a 43% profit this year.
- We will be having a spring blow out sale - look for it soon

Our next meeting will be on 4/11/16, after spring break. The meeting will be held in Room 18, Mrs. Woods's room.

**Meeting Adjourned - 8:17pm**