

# MARINERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

## May 2, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

SCHEDULED TIMES		ACTUAL TIMES		LOCATION
Start	Stop	Start	Stop	Penne Ferrell Theater Mariners Elementary
7:00 pm	8:00 pm	7:09pm	8:30pm	

## ATTENDEES

### Officers

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

### Board Members and Committee Chairs

X Dan & Keri Bartlett	Mike Huntly & Laura Forbes	X Marshall & <u>Maria</u> Solomon
Mike & Lela Briggs	Darrin & Courtney Norton	X John & <u>Amy</u> Von der Ahe
Shane & Tiffany Brosnan	X Craig & Heidi Perreault	X John & Jaime Weber
X Sean & Lisa Casey	X Jason & <u>Noelle</u> Perrin	Taylor & <u>Danielle</u> Whisenand
X Raf & <u>Aleece</u> de Vengoechea	X Mark & <u>Tami</u> Santoni	X 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.

### Treasurers Report: Rani Braun

- 2016/2017 Proposed budget is circulating around the room. Please initial if you approve.
- Are there any questions regarding next years budget?
  - Heidi Perreault had a question regarding spirit wear. We have budgeted \$2000. This number has wiggle room as long as we can sell more than we spend.
  - Karen Ditteaux had a question regarding credit card processing fees. She said they seem very high. We use a company called Greater Giving for all auction and fundraising activities. We process credit card transactions through them as well. It is a package deal. The majority of the fees we pay are licensing fees. We wouldn't be able to run our fundraisers without software like GG. We have agreed to look into different software companies to see if we can save money and increase efficiency. John Von der Ahe suggested talking with Chris Raya.
- Maria Solomon motioned to pass the budget, Georgina Forbath seconded the motion. All MESF members in attendance voted to pass the 2016/2017 budget,

### **Presidents Report - Heather Scheck**

- An idea box was placed in the front office for students, staff and parents to submit ideas to the MESF.
- Mark Ontiveros is a father at our school with an AV background. He has agreed to walk the Penne Ferrell and us both low end and high end budget ideas on how to improve the acoustics and sound in the theater. He will present his findings at our June meeting.
- Kindergarten IPad storage carts were made by a past student. He is unwilling to take on making carts for grades 1-3 at this time. We will be looking at getting 1-3 grade locking charge carts. Mrs. Jacobs currently has one; Mrs. Boyd will follow up with us with prices, etc.
- We are currently looking at the MESF Bylaws. We would like to go through them and update them this summer.

### **Special Guest - Mike Sciacca, Ensign Principal presenting on International Baccalaureate**

- Presenting on the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. IB is an expansive idea that is best explained by breaking it down to “good teaching”.
- Within our district, we have 5 elementary schools in our zone that feed to Ensign and then on to Newport Harbor High School.
- IB is a vehicle for us to use to align the 5 schools so that no re-teaching is required once students get to Ensign. Currently all 5 schools use different methods to teach writing. The ultimate goal would be to create a writing rubric for the elementary schools to use so that all 5 schools are on the same page.
- In 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades IB compares to AB as far as college credit given. The classes are rated on a 5.0 scale. At the lower grades it creates an opportunity for alignment.
- At Ensign IB is designed to do two things. First it is designed to introduce it to the students and then second, it lets students decide if it is for them. Gone are the days of data regurgitation, IB is centered on application-based learning.
- The big question is how are kids at the elementary level currently being affected by IB? The goal is to align the elementary writing program and curriculum with IB so that all 5 of our incoming elementary schools are on the same page.
- IB is considered a signature academy and is not currently district funded at this time.
- MESF CONCERNS: Still seems like a vague, intangible learning concept. What are the chances that our zone aligns? What is the time frame for alignment? (Rough estimate of 2+ years) Who coordinates this? When will the district fund the program?

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

- Asking for \$1600 to fund her trip to the IB conference in Toronto this summer. Since this conference is out of the country the district will not pay. She would like to go since the other 4 principals (maybe only 3, not sure about Newport Heights) in our zone have already attended this conference. MESF Board members will vote on this expenditure via email.

- First grade language arts pilot program that we implemented 4 weeks ago was not as successful as we had hoped. We have had a SIPPS guru come to the campus and they have revamped the pilot programs model to a centers based model. In the old model students were being pulled out of class to work with other students of similar ability. In the new model, students are grouped with students of similar ability but they will stay within their classroom.
- If the above model works, what would staffing look like? Right now we have one teacher and two classroom aides per class. Using aides vs. certificated teacher to teach SIPPS is still a pending question.
- Local Control Accountability Plan - how are decisions made at the district level? This document covers all of these questions and more, as well as the questions about the school that have come to light via the town hall meetings. Our school site plan must align with the districts site plan. Now is the time to make changes and it is important to come up with new goals together. Teachers, administrators and parents are all encouraged to participate. Our goals are due to the district by the end of the school year.
- These are very large documents and are available electronically to anyone who would like to see them.

Maria Solomon presents the new Executive Board Slate for 2016-2017

Chairman - Lori Williams  
 President - Heather Scheck  
 Vice President - Sean Casey  
 Treasurer - Rani Braun  
 Secretary - Noelle Perrin

**VOTE** - Tami Santoni motions to pass the new board, and Amy Von der Ahe seconds the motion. All MESF board members in attendance vote unanimously to pass the new slate.

An email vote will be coming to MESF members to vote about adding 2 new families to the board, we currently only have two open slots for 2016-2017.

A second email vote will be coming out to the members to vote on Dr. Sacks Canada trip.

**Aides Commission - Jason Perrin**

- Looking to meet with Dr. Sacks within the next week or so and then to meet with teachers by grade level to get their input.

Art Walk Update - Heather Scheck

**Pledge Drive: Karen Ditteaux, 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**