**Richmond PTA General Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 5th, 2014

Richmond Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

**PTA Board members in attendance:**

Amy Starr Thomas, President

Sara DeLuca, Vice President

Tricia Waineo, Treasurer

Amy Seaholt, Secretary

Bonnie Zadeyan, Classroom Support Chair

Jason Love, Communications

Kate Day, Super Green Team

Erin Estes, Super Green Team

Pat Lando, Playground Improvement

Steve Gutmann, Membership Chair

**Incoming Board members in attendance:**

Natasha Banks, Vice President

Jay Jaacks, Communications Chair

**Welcome and Call to Order:**  6:35 pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

March 2014 General Meeting Minutes, approved as written.

**Year-End Budget Report:**

Amy noted that the budget is very healthy and thanked the generosity of parents. There are a few items of note -

* The classroom support budget has an excess of $6000, but some of that money may be spent as more reimbursement forms come in from teachers.
* Tricia Waineo saved money by working on the PTA website on her own, so the web development money won't need to be spent.
* The Outdoor School Matching Grant will not be allocated as approved, since that grant was made with the understanding that the Friends of Outdoor School would get 25 PTA organizations to commit to giving $1,000 each to their program, benefitting the Outdoor School. The PTA would still like to give the money directly to Outdoor School, and is asking to approve that gift tonight.
* Much of the Run for Richmond money still needs to be collected, and Amy anticipates about $10k more will come in. At the end of the year that money will be given to the school as a grant, so members should anticipate that the funds will be debited from the account.
* Social Studies curriculum pilot is a new line item. The 5th grade teachers have approached the PTA to ask if PTA will fund the $17 per student subscription fee for their new online-based curriculum for Social Studies. Supporting teacher innovation in the classroom seemed in line with the PTA mission, so the board agreed. If approved tonight, the PTA will provide the difference between the money left in the teacher's classrooms funds and the funds needed for the student subscriptions.

*Rand Thomas motioned to pass the PTA Budget with changes. Kate Fleming seconded the motion. The amended 2013-2014 PTA Budget was passed as submitted.*

**Proposed Budget for 2014-15 Financial Year:**

* Amy Starr Thomas noted that the Fred Meyer Rebates is a line item of funds coming to PTA solely from people who have
* Cultural committee shows a deficit but the funds to pay for their programs will be rolled over from the previous fiscal year.
* Current checkbook balance is at 104,000. The run for Richmond dollars are going to be given to the school at the end of the year, so that number will be reduced to about $70k for next year.
* PTA is supporting the administration in trying to reach technology goals, and some of that money will be given to the school as a PTA grant, and the PTA will work with the administration to define those needs and goals.

A PTA member asked what is the anticipated drawdown for next year. Amy said that there is only about $6000 drawdown proposed for cultural garden.

Jason Love asked if there is a chance to put some of those excess funds toward the playground. Amy said anything can be proposed and encouraged members to bring their ideas. The final budget will be voted on at the beginning of the 2015 school year.

*Steve Gutmann motioned to pass the Proposed PTA Budget for the next fiscal year. Jay Jaacks seconded the motion. The Proposed 2014-2015 PTA Budget was passed.*

**PTA Board Changes:**

Amy thanked the current board members for all their work. Steve Gutmann stepped forward and thanked Amy Starr Thomas for doing the lion's share of the work. Incoming PTA president Sara DeLuca presented Amy with a rose and Bev Pruitt gave everyone chocolate from the staff as a thank you. Bev also thanked Amy and said that she just learned that the district has approved the purchase of Chrome Books to be ready for the teachers next school year, so more of the technology funds that PTA has approved will go directly to students.

Amy introduced the proposed new PTA officers:

Sara DeLuca, President.

Natasha Banks, Vice President.

Tricia Waineo, Treasurer.

Amy Seaholt, Secretary.

*Kay Spielman motioned to elect the 2014-15 executive committee. Seth Shikora seconded the motion. The new board is elected.*

Introduction of Interns:

Amy Starr Thomas introduced the interns who have now been here about a month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

*Prepared by:* Amy Seaholt, Secretary

Date submitted for acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As written With amendments

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President Secretary