

Parley's Park Elementary PTA Meeting minutes

May 3, 2016

Board Members Present: Shelly Barratt, Suzanne Vandenberg, Angie Brown, Amy O'Reilly

Also in attendance: David Gomez, PPES Principal; Jobana Gertz, PPES Secretary

Approximate member attendance: 30

The meeting commenced at 11:45am. Venue was Red Rock Junction. Annual PTA Volunteer Thank You Luncheon.

Shelly welcomed everybody and thanked them for coming to our annual luncheon and thanked them for their continued service to Parley's Park Elementary in 2015-16. She discussed how fun it has been to serve as PTA President and encouraged everybody to get involved. Being involved opens your eyes about what a great place PPES is and also how much there is to do.

Safety Initiatives. Shelly described the 2 PTA-funded safety initiatives that should be in place by the beginning of next year. The first is locking doors (which require a "buzz-in" for visitors) on the hallways that lead to the classrooms. The second is a blinking crossing light for Silver Springs Drive between the school and the church parking lot. In light of a threat to the district on this very day, this information and this project seem particular relevant. All of this is funded 100% by PTA dollars. Thanks to everybody for supporting our Fun Run and other fundraisers.

Thank You. There was a "thank you" ceremony where a number of people were thanked for their service this year and in prior years.

- Graduating 5th grade parents
- Mr. Gomez
- Jobana and Sheila
- PTA Board Members

Open Chair Positions. Shelly reviewed the open PTA officer and program chair positions for the 2016-17 schoolyear. There are quite a few openings! Please consider getting involved and please spread the word. It's fun and lots of folks step up to help. (See list enclosed with minutes)

Budget. Angie reviewed the near-final 2015-16 budget information which was provided as a handout (See enclosed). She highlighted the end-of-year surplus, which will likely be spent on ELA resources, and the number of programs which the PTA funds. Thanks for a great year! The budget for next year will be formed using this year's budget and will be approved at the first general meeting next year.

Comments from the Principal. Mr. Gomez thanked all of the PTA volunteers. He quickly covered a few topics. First, despite cutbacks in the district budget for reading aides, it looks like, through a variety of means, PPES will be able to keep all of its aides next year. He discussed some open teacher positions, all of which are posted on the district website. Specifically, both Nate Brown and Manuel Clayton are transferring internally and the district needs to hire to support its all-day K initiative at all elementaries. David discussed the Hispanic Festival and what a great event it was again this year. Next year the teachers envision having it grow to an all-school event which will be incorporated into the dance, art, and music specialist curriculum.

Minutes. Amy facilitated the approval of the 3/1/16 general meeting minutes. In addition, for good measure the members formally approved the final version of the following general meeting minutes: 9/1/15, 11/2/15, 1/12/16. All minutes are posted on the PTA website.

Closing Comments. Shelly asked for help with two year-end 2016 events: The RWE exchange and the Talent Show. They are both great events which require a ton of volunteer help. In addition, the talent show needs a chair for next year so it would be great for somebody to “learn the ropes.”

Shelly gave a final thank you and closed the meeting, adding that all present should continue to enjoy the luncheon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted by Amy O'Reilly, Secretary