PTSA General Membership Meeting  
Nov. 14, 2017; Room 1162

In attendance: Principal George Breland, Officers: Vanessa Isabell, Teresa Scribner, Gigi Bungay, Adrian Voravong, Brett Eckelberg, Stuart McFeely, Jody Patawaran, Jeanne Vincent, Terri Hansen, John Montoya, Shawna Van Nimwegen, Erin Bell, Chris Rhinehart

Call to order 6:00 p.m.
Meeting minutes approved with correction made to item listed under new business.
Parent introductions

Principal’s report – George Breland
- School of Distinction award for the 5th year in a row; school with more than 5% increase in reading and math
- Student-Led Conferences will take place Saturday, Nov. 18, Monday, Nov. 20 and Tuesday, Nov. 21 - no school for students. Student should sign up through advisory.
- Parent concerned about how to respond back to advisory teachers to schedule appointments
- Senior Night – by invitation only; set up for parents of seniors who may be struggling. Parents can reach out to counselors if they are concerned
- Parents should be checking student’s progress on ECHO.
- Question from Jeanne about the status of the playfield.

President’s report – Vanessa Isabell
- Auction update
  - Event committee – planned a tour for late December; Van Nimwagen expressed interest in taking tour; will be out of town Dec. 12-23.
- Sweepstakes update
  - Committee has done the research to make sure we are in compliance with gambling commission; sweepstakes is now a raffle; donations no longer tax deductible
  - Website being built and managed for free by IT person; Vanessa meeting with developer on Saturday;
  - We are at the point of getting the work done. Voting is based off the attendees.
  - Advertising and communications handled by Teresa and Erin
  - Comment Montoya – can’t be a raffle if it’s over $5,000
  - Money managed by website so there won’t be much risk in terms of keeping track of the cash flow.
  - Soft launch on Dec. 8

Vice President’s report – Done by Teresa (in Connie So’s absence)
- We now have 72 paid members.
- Received Seattle PTSA Grant for $400 (working with BSU on honoring National African American Parent Involvement Day, February 12, 2018).
- Working on another grant for $1,000 (APIA heritage month and sports banquet in late May), and one for $5,000 (probably for sports equipment).
- For the garden, we can probably get a $5,000 grant from City of Seattle but doesn’t know if she will have the time to do that since she doesn’t know enough about it.
- Funding sources available; Shawna will provide a link to different landscaping organizations; offered to help
Secretary’s report – Teresa Scribner
  o Upcoming events at the school
    o Student-Led Conferences
    o Students enjoying the recognition assemblies; all winners will partake in a catered lunch sponsored by PTSA at the end of the semester.
    o Thanksgiving Break holiday schedule

Treasurer’s report – Gigi Bungay
  o $42,206.95 in checking account
  o Project funding requests
    o 11th grade Humanities – Trip to see August Wilson play – approved for $1,000
    o Cleveland Publications needs funding to keep printing – approved for $1,500
    o Lois Brewer requests money for gardening supplies – approved for $1,000
    o Athletics needs new basketballs (boys and girls) and cones – approved for $1,200
  o Montoya says if PTSA donates to project by tomorrow, Donor’s Choose will match $1,000
  o Teachers can have up to 8 projects on Donor’s Choose at a time

New business – Teresa Scribner
  o Upcoming events
  o Volunteers need to go through process through district; no fingerprints required
  o Auction committees
  o Need procurement forms for passing out; already have them; Stu and Terry
  o Create a google form for procurement tracking

Meeting adjourns at 7:03 p.m.