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Laurelhurst PTA General Minutes

March 16, 2021 - Meeting commenced at 7:03 PM

Board Present: Emily Henkle (VP-MS), Sharon Morgan (VP - K-5), Brandie Roberts (Secretary), Emily Spurlock (Co-Treasurer), Julia Jordan (Co-Treasurer), Aaron Mullan (Membership), Willy Lynn (Volunteer), Aaron Lefitz (Equity), Carlin Williamson (Playground)

Minutes Approval/Date: _____

President Updates- Co-VPs Sharon Morgan and Emily Henkle sitting in for Amanda Sorrell

- Start by saying something we are all grateful for in the chat box!
- Tonight we have a critical vote for the community, so thank you for joining
- This meeting is being recorded. It will be available for review for the community.
- During the Q&A session, Sharon and Emily will be monitoring the chat.
- We have a lot of open positions for the PTA next year. We are trying to cast a wider net; we would like to hear many voices. Next year is a year of streamlining and simplifying, focusing on rebuilding our community and the broader community, supporting the kids and the teachers.

- **OPEN PTA BOARD POSITIONS (self-nomination)**
- **President***
 - Interface with administration, teachers, community, other PTAs, lead PTA meetings
- **Secretary***
 - Meeting minutes, advertise general meetings
- **Treasurer (1-2 people)***
 - Manage budget, reporting to membership, bank accounts, bookkeeping, \$ handling
- **Volunteer Chair**
 - Recruit volunteers to lead PTA supported events, including room parents
- **Equity chair**
 - Filled by PTHRE for transition year
- Continuing Board Members:
 - VP – Emily Henkle
 - Membership Chair – Aaron Mullen
 - Legislative Chair – Hannah Kramer
 - *Playground Committee – Carlin Williamson (transfer to Pete Kramer)*
 - *Enrichments Chair – model evolving to externally managed, reduced volume*
 - *New! Communications/Outreach Chair – Brandie Roberts (newsletter, pantry)*

BOARD UPDATES

Budget Update- Julia Jordan and Emily Spurlock

- Current balance \$76,691.71
- Income to date \$14,416.96 - mainly from Gift Wrap, SCRIP, bottledrop, Amazon smiles, FM rewards, membership/donations
- Expenses to date \$11,384.22
- Projected expenses \$26,811.83 - Teacher/classroom support, equity (books), administrative expenses, spring “events” like teacher appreciation and 8th grade promotion

- Projected balance at end of year \$49,879.88

Playground Update- Carlin Williamson

- Playground improvement committee has been working for the past 8 years on playground improvements - turf was put in 3 years ago - all funded by Laurelhurst community.
- Phase 2 is to get covered structure in basketball area. We don't have space for PE at school - classroom space. We are one of the few schools in PPS that doesn't have a covered structure.
- We are now \$20K short for cost of covered structure - things have changed since original proposal; several components have been added, price has increased.
- We have in the account \$115K, current estimate budget is \$135K - had been at \$145 but we were able to make some modifications. We are disappointed in the shortfall, but we need to move forward with ordering materials and getting the contract in place ASAP so we don't miss the summer window for construction.
- We currently have a PTA surplus that we can dip into for the time being. We can hold a fundraiser in the Fall, but for now need to borrow from the PTA funds.
- Call out to Dave Brokaw for dedicating so much of his time to the project. Also, Pete Kramer. Also, Eric Campbell. These guys have been amazing.
- We just got two competitive bids, and they are both more than the company we are currently planning to go with.
- Timeline at this point? Construction cannot take place while students are in the building. So the goal is this summer. At this point, summer is the best time. Rough timeline is five weeks.
- Members vote! **Vote to using PTA budget funds for the covered playground structure:**
Motion to approve, seconded, all members present voted - **Approved, 48 member yays and 0 nays.**

REOPENING - Dr. Amor

- Dr. Amor thanked the community for the beautiful new Kindness Rock Garden and for continuing to make our school such a special place.
- Dr. Amor gave a presentation around school reopening (schedule, timeline, cohorting, safety rules, other important information regarding the hybrid model) The video is available for viewing [here](#). Dr. Amor's presentation is available for viewing [here](#).

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.