



Laurelhurst PTA General Minutes
April 20, 2021 - Meeting commenced at 7:00 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: _____

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President Updates- Co-VP Emily Henkle sitting in for Amanda Sorrell

- Start with acknowledgement that our school community is now several weeks into hybrid learning, and middle schoolers are coming into hybrid learning this week. Thanks to the teachers, staff, and administration during this transition.
- This week, all adults are available to get vaccines, needed to help us move to the next phase of the pandemic.
- Acknowledgement of the historic moment of today with Derek Chauvin's guilty verdict comes accountability but not necessarily justice for the murder of George Floyd.

Thoughts Regarding This Moment - Aaron Lefitz, Equity Chair

Today's guilty verdict in the case of Derek Chauvin is an example of what police accountability looks like; let's not confuse accountability with justice. Justice is living without fear. Justice is Black, Indigenous, Asian, Latino and other Families and Communities of Color thriving, and EVERYBODY'S children coming home safely. But for today at least a small win SOME accountability; however the systems that allowed George to be murdered remain fully intact.

George Floyd should not have died under an officer's knee - he should still be alive today. So should Daunte Wright, Philando Castille, Breonna Taylor, and countless other Black people who have been killed by police.

True Justice—capital J justice—means renewing our conviction to create a world where police do not have the opportunity to use violence to target Black people. We must ensure police are not the ONLY resort for addressing harm by removing them from low-level enforcement of offences that shouldn't even be criminalized in the first place. We must divert funding from traditional, militarized modes of policing and move them towards community-based services; our mission must remain focused on rebuilding the WHOLE system.

We ALL deserve to feel and be truly safe, and THAT is what Justice looks like.

The group took a moment of silence.

Principal's Update - Dr. Olgamar Amor

- Having children back at school is so wonderful. While it's not perfect, with kids being in hybrid, some being in CDL; she acknowledged that everyone is doing the best they can.
- Her leadership will be adaptive, trying to connect what to do is best for the kids and what's best for the family. We're try to work on being more flexible as a school. Our priority is the kids, and we're working hard to make sure all kids are where they should be.
- We had our first Covid case in one class, and we are following all the safety protocols for everybody. We were able to contain it very well; the cohort that was quarantined is now back.

BOARD UPDATES

Playground Update- Carlin Williamson

- Still waiting to hear back from PPS re: insurance they are requiring and the wording on the permit/contract. Hope to hear back later this week.
- Check has been mailed off for the structure. Cannot plan anything until we hear back from PPS. They have delayed us past summer as of now, so we are asking them to clarify what we should do if we get pushed back after the summer window. Their rule is to not allow construction while children are in school.

Membership - Aaron Mullan

- We had a few additional members come in during the last PTA meeting - thank you.
- Settle up with State soon on membership dues that have come in since the last time we did the settlement.
- Will be migrating to the new PTA software that the State PTA is requiring; this is planned for June 15th.

Equity - Aaron Lefitz

- PTHRE Media Club - final one for the year will be held on Thursday, May 13th. This is a no prep required meeting, just show up and watch some media, learn about a topic, and engage in some good discussion. The next topic will be Immigration. All are welcome!

Treasurer Update - Julia Jordan

- Teachers are back in the classroom and they are looking to purchase supplies from the classroom
- Working with the librarian on a couple of author visits and getting some additional books for teachers

- Current balance \$75,794.00
- Income to date \$16,497.42
 - Gift wrap, SCRIP, bottledrop, Amazon Smiles, FM rewards, membership/donations

- Expenses to date \$11,891.65
- Projected expenses \$26,811.83
- Teacher/classroom support, equity (books and author visits), administrative expenses, spring “events” like teacher appreciation and 8th grade promotion
- Projected balance at end of year \$48,982.17
- Playground account--paid \$16,028.00 for fabrication fee

Legislative Update - Hannah Kramer

Info session on: PPS Enrollment and Program Balancing

- **SE Portland Phase 1:** Kellogg Middle School enrollment focus (Fall 2021 opening)
- **SE Portland Phase 2** - Scope & schedule will be released April 2021, decisions by Jan 2022 (Fall 2022 implementation, relates to moving from K8 to K5/Middle Schools)
- **NE Portland:** NE Guiding Coalition starts to meet, earliest likely Spring 2022 (opportunity for public input)
- **NE Portland implementation Fall 2023 at the earliest**, but maybe Fall 2024 since SE is taking longer than expected
- **Potential changes:** Move towards 6-8 grade middle schools, cascading impacts to K-5s, potential rebalancing with boundary changes, potential changes to language immersion programs. Equity focus.

Upcoming Events - Emily Henkle

- **April 22 – Earth Day** - Hannah Kramer put together a nice slide deck with participation ideas that was shared with teachers
- **First week in May – TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** - Amanda Sorrell and Brandie Roberts are leading; surprises are around the corner.
- **May 18 – Election Day**
 - PTA Meeting – Executive Board +
 - For more information on open positions, responsibilities, and commitments, please visit the [Laurelhurst School PTA site](#). Get Involved!
 - PPS School Board 3 open positions – vote in the special election.

Additional Updates - Emily Henkle

- We have a new school newsletter called The Laurelhurst Pride! New email address for submissions/announcements in the new newsletter format: laurelhurstpride@laurelhurstschoolpta.org.
- 8th grade promotion - email Alyson Brant (abrant@pps.net) if you are interested in working with her on what this will look like this week.

Fundraising Updates

- Laps for Lions - “Claps for Lions” again this year - Robyn Cook is leading the effort, met with Alyson Brant this morning. Information will be coming soon. Dates will be in next newsletter.
- Laurelhurst School Foundation
 - Virtual Auction – June 5th 6-8pm - Gina Clemmer, Auction chair - auction is on! We will have a live component with videos, live auction part of the program. We’ve gotten a ton of support from the community, with over 100 items donated so far. More to come! The launch will be May 1st.
 - Direct Appeal – Goal was \$35,000, and we have raised \$12,320 as of the moment. Campaign will run through the end of next week. Every bit will help with getting EAs for next year.

Meeting Minute Approval - Emily Henkle

They are all posted on the [website](#). September, October, January, and March. Emily Henkle made a motion to approve. Motion seconded, and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.