

**Lakeview Elementary PTSA
General Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2008**

6:48 pm – Called to order by Co-Presidents Karen Tipp and Sarah Stone

Attending: See sign up sheet

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Standing Rules
- Meeting minutes from general meeting June 12
- 2008 – 2009 Budget
- Motion form
- PTSA how to get involved
- WA State PTA Legislative issues survey
- Reflections

Introductions of board and staff were made

Sarah Stone explained that PTSA is here to support staff and teachers to give the best education possible for our children via fundraising, providing volunteers and community events.

Meeting minutes were accepted without additions or corrections. Standing rules were voted in and accepted with the change of name from Legislative Chair to VP Advocacy (items #20 and #30).

Academic Support – questions were answered about expenses shown on the budget including accelerated reader, instructional and writing materials and instructional support.

Education Enrichment – Many before and after school activities have already begun including keyboard and chess. Fitness/Movement and Science will be in place in October. They are hoping to bring Spanish on – volunteers should contact Chitra Subramanian.

Special Events – the school barbeque was a success and they are looking for volunteers for upcoming events. Those interested should contact John Rudolph.

Fundraising – there will be 3 major fundraisers this year:

1. Letter campaign
2. PACE
3. Move-a-thon (to be held in January 2009)

It was proposed that some of the funds raised at the Move-a-thon go toward new computers for the computer lab. Linda Hughes explained that every 5 years the computers need to be replaced per the district, which will be in spring '09, and there are 30 computers in the lab. The other options are to raise the funds (approx. \$25k) or pull from other spots. Linda will check if we can phase the computers out instead of getting all 30 at once. The board will review if we should have this as an on-going budget item.

Ways & Means – the budget was voted in last spring, and the final budget was approved. The approved budget includes these changes from the spring budget:

1. school services – increased to \$750 to cover Wild Waves trip at end of year
2. \$1500 for specialists (library, music and PE)

More volunteers are needed for the Ways and Means committee – contact Sarah Stone or Karen Tipp if interested. A new Project Request Form was introduced that will need to be used when requesting funds.

Lakeview field – John Rudolph spoke about getting grass or turf for the field and will present the idea at the district level. A committee will be formed that will press to push to get it complete and get the community involved – John Rudolph and Karen Tipp will lead that committee – contact them if interested in joining.

Reflections – Vija Williams and Emily Staples are co-chairing this program which is a National PTA and WA State PTA cultural arts competition. Grades 1 & 2 will have art kits available to check out – other grades can contact Vija. There are entry forms available for Reflections, and the theme this year is WOW – entries are due by November 15, 2008.

Legislative update – All were encouraged to fill out the WA State PTA Legislative issues survey. Contact Susie Arnold with questions.

Miscellaneous –

- A motion form was introduced that will be used at future PTSA meetings to introduce a new motion
- All were encouraged to donate clothes to the front office (to be used in case of accidents mainly for younger children)
- Walk to school week is Oct. 6 – 10
- A Kirkland sports website is in the works – contact John Rudolph
- The crosswalk in front of the school is not flashing – Vija and John are spearheading effort to get it fixed or replaced

8:00 pm - Meeting was adjourned