**PTA General Meeting**

**North Beach Elementary**

**September 12, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**

**It is the mission of the North Beach Elementary PTA to foster community inclusion, child advocacy and academic excellence by facilitating communications, supporting teachers and staff, & enhancing the educational, social & physical environment of North Beach Elementary School.**

# **Minutes**

Call to order at 6:45.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS. Erika Hermanson, PTA Co-President, welcomed attendees and introduced Board Members present.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT. RJ welcomed the group and introduced Kristine McLane, Librarian. Smooth start to the year. Shift to three lunch periods this year.

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*Test data at North Beach*. MSP Data is posted on OSPI website. 3rd Grade Reading scores are on the rise from the prior two years. 3rd Grade Math scores are good but stagnant. 5th grade Reading is stagnant. Academic Achievement Award for Science scores which are phenomenal. 4th Grade Reading – big jump from prior years. 4th Writing is back up after a low year in 2011-12.

*Common Core Standards* are adopted in 45 states including Washington. RJ showed an OSPI video which overviews the Common Core. Benchmarks for all subjects that help lead to College and Career Readiness, starting in kindergarten. Common Core is an outline of what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. As an example, RJ focused on the ELA (English, Language Arts) Common Core. Big shift for reading is to focus more on informational text (and not just literary) – to hit 70% informational by grade 12. Shift for writing at elementary grades is that persuasive writing will be increasing (v. informational writing and writing to convey experiences). There are common core apps for phones, and there is a six page parent report for each grade level that RJ will send out later. K-2 teachers received Common Core Math training throughout Seattle. Ongoing Common Core professional development and over the summer. Technology standards are embedded and the new state assessment is on the computer.

*Library Resources*. Hundreds of new books have been added to the library. Digital resources include Databases: PebbleGo (for younger students) and TrueFlix (for older students). MackinVIA is the portal. New resource is National Geographic Kids Database. 164 eBooks now available.

RJ explained how the Transitional Kindergarten program (currently ten students) is going. In addition to the new Transitional K Teacher, we have a new Office Assistant and new School Nurse (half Wednesday and every Friday). We have three full time student interns from SPU (2 at 4th and 1 in special ed).

APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES. Liz Ryan moved to approve the May 2013 minutes. Motion carries.

BUDGET UPDATE. Roland reported that the budget and books came in great form from prior Treasurer, Mary Malone. We have $96,000 with $50,000 in interest bearing account.

AGC Kick-Off. Claire Korman explained that the AGC raises money for art, music, tutoring, technology, and things that the district does not fund. Last year we raised over $50,000. The goal for this year is just over $53,000 with $5,500 already in. The Golden Envelope Campaign is coming in October with fabulous prizes. Donations are tax deductible and some employers will match.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Legislative Representative Election. Roland moved to elect Mike Kelly to the position for this year. Motion carries.
2. AGC Prizes. It was moved to use additional $500 of PTA Funds for meaningful AGC prizes. Motion carries.
3. Approval of revised standing rules. It was moved to strike the language “or 20%, whichever is less” from Standing Rule 16, so that PTA Board can approve any expenditure over approved budget line items up to $300 without General Membership approval. Motion carries.
4. Request for $800 for playground equipment. PE Teacher will inventory and purchase what is necessary to replenish the supply. It was moved to allocate this $800 as suggested. Motion carries.

VOLUNTEERING AND MEMBERSHIP. Mark Hardy, PTA Co-President, introduced himself. He pointed out sign-up sheets for committees and events which need additional leadership or support. Miranda will work with Mark to put volunteer signups online. Erika encouraged everyone to sign-up as PTA Members.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

9/16-19 Book Fair, 9/18 Curriculum Night/Club Fair, 9/27 Fall Social, and 10/1 Board Meeting in Library (all welcome, not just board members). There will be three general meetings. Patrick encouraged people to sign up as WATCH DOG Dads.

At 8:20 it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.