

# **Ivy School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

## **General Meeting Minutes**

### **10.12.16**

**Council & Committee Chairs Present:** Leah Maurer, Caitlyn Howell, Laura Sciortino, Resa Tufts

**Leadership Present:** Liz Caravaca

**Additional Attendees and Participants:**

Mary Jane O'Rourke, Carrie Twigg

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#### **Welcoming Remarks**

- Welcome and thanks to attendees for coming, introductions, attendance sign-in sheet
- Introductions and general information about membership

#### **Motion to Approve September General PTA Minutes**

- Sept General Mtg minutes were approved

#### **Ivy School Leadership Update from Liz Caravaca**

- Winter Performance will be at Grant HS this year - \$600 cost – the theme will be songs of Peace and Protest; Ivy annual fund to be promoted at the event
- School improvement plan submitted to the state; Amy Stuhr's work has been invaluable on this
- District report card comes out tomorrow
- We are in year 2 of a 5 year renewal of our Charter with Oregon
- Anna Beth Jensen is pulling together a strong plan for helping support student achievement test scores in a way that's conducive with Montessori – at the Friday in-service for teachers, they will work on this
- Billing update – Ivy's ACH file upload had not been working perfectly; now credit card and ACH systems are working and saving Ivy money!
- Ivy will be relying on parent support for fundraising efforts – a committee to run the spring auction will be created
- Ivy is contracting with the EMS sub desk for getting subs as needed – saving a lot of time and money for Ivy
- In the classrooms, there have been some great structured/planned and "emergent" (spontaneous) conversations about equity
- The Ivy Board is looking for new members, especially non-Ivy-Parents, but parents interested should also contact the board; especially those with

background in real estate, finance, HR, education, Montessori education, and school administration

- This year, all LE and UE classrooms will take the same # of field trips as one another
- Amy S can help with the process of arranging logistics of field trips at Prescott
- Geercrest Farm and Silver Falls field trips (overnights) are scheduled again this year

### **Officer and Chairperson Updates**

#### **President**

- November Taster Topic will be the Ivy Equity Council
- Ana Helena has volunteered to lead fundraising efforts after the Chinook Book Sale is completed (so this would mean the Read & Write a-thon; Muriah and Laura will also work on it
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#### **Fundraising**

- Chinook Book sales are underway, thanks to Carrie

#### **Outdoors Committee**

- Fall/Winter planting underway at Prescott

#### **Spirit**

- Monster Bowl is coming up
- If we want to do Oxbow again in the fall, it needs to be reserve by January - TBD

#### **Room Parent Coordinator Report**

- All RP slots filled
- RPs are aware of and promoting Chinook Book fundraiser, Scrip program, Amazon Smile, Fred Meyer cards, etc.
- Some RPs have been discussing the idea of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year parents, and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year parents, and 8<sup>th</sup> year parents all offering “mentoring” to 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> year parents

#### **Chinook Book Fundraiser**

- Still seeking people to help us coordinate across each campus

#### **Treasurer**

- Oregon PTA report due soon and the audit is coming up

## **New Business**

### **Winter Clothing Closet**

- PPS has a Clothing Closet – regardless of income, anyone can attend and take clothing for their children – to participate we need to volunteer – located at Marshall High School during the day – more later about these details; we will also do a clothing drive as a school participant

### **Brainstorm topics for future discussion / in-services for parents**

- Less time on voting, more time on meaningful programming discussion, input, and education/in-services – invitation to brainstorm ideas
- Ideas that came up:
  - Charter Equity Funding Bill – letter-writing party and local legislators to visit the school
  - Ways to build community such as morning coffees
  - Parent education nights
  - Utilizing AnnaBeth (Montessori coach) as a resource – how parents can support Montessori education, for example

### **Next Meeting**

- Our meetings happen at every other campus the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month
- Next meeting is October 12 at Morris Campus

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30