

LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY PTA  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2017, 6:30-8 p.m.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Call to Order	Jac Howard, PTA President on May 11, 2017 at 6:35 p.m.
Meeting Type	General PTA Meeting
Note taker	Tricia Coulter
Timekeeper	Jac Howard
Attendees	Various, See Attached

MINUTES

The last meeting minutes (April 20, 2017) are APPROVED: (a Yes c No).

VOTING SUMMARY

April 20 Meeting Minutes APPROVED: (a Yes c No).

2017-18 Budget, see attached APPROVED: (a Yes c No).

BOARD REPORTS

SECRETARY REPORT (PAMELA QUADROS)

1. Review of last month's minutes.
2. We are implementing PT Avenue, a PTA software/database which should help to streamline how we communicate to PTA members, volunteers, etc.

FUNDRAISING (PAMELA QUADROS)

1. October 6: October Fest: family meet/greet fundraising event.
2. There is a calendar of PTA and fundraising events, it is a work in progress, we don't want to overwhelm families by having too many and/or overlapping events because volunteer participation has been difficult this year.

TREASURER REPORT (MIKE HEMKER)

3. The auction has raised \$104K, the raise the paddle raised \$30K
4. The Amazon link has continued to bring in funds.
5. We received \$1,100.00 from PCC Scrip.

BUDGET (JASON KADUSHIN)

1. Proposed 2017-18 Budget attached.

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2. \$30k for the raise the paddle will directly fund curriculum, RAZ Kids, Writing Program, Dreambox, etc.
3. 2017-18 Budget, see attached APPROVED: (a Yes c No).
4. SPS Budget records are available online, the majority of the budget goes toward teacher salaries + transportation:  
<https://www.seattleschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=14984>

PRINCIPAL REPORT (CINDY CHAPUT)

1. See attached State of School PPT.
2. The school has accomplished a lot this year.
3. Special thanks to everyone for a successful Earth Day and Teacher/Staff appreciation.
4. The tutoring program has shown to be effective and will continue.
5. Walk to Math (WtM) (see attached research materials reviewed by the Math Committee) will continue for grades 1-4 as an option for Advanced Learners (ALs), K will continue to have math in self-contained classrooms and will not WtM. Mr. Ngobi will teach 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade standards to all 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
6. Math ALs may be ready for a higher level of math but are they emotionally/socially ready to be in the classroom with older students? Teachers should be able to teach various levels of math within a self-contained classroom.
7. ALs need 75% test score for the option to proceed to WtM. AP testing schedule – May: apply, January: eligibility, February: results.
8. In order to enter Madison's 7<sup>th</sup> grade math the following are required: (1) teacher recommendation (2) student has shown 6<sup>th</sup> grade standards are met, and (3) placement test scores.
9. Advanced Learners have 75% testing scores – of these students the top 2% are Highly Capable with testing of 95% or higher.
10. Lafayette is aligning with other area schools to offer a similar advanced learning program.
11. School Culture: school has been painted, students have learning expectations, students have a chance to voice and help in decision making by taking/submitting progress surveys, staff expectations, and curriculum mapping.
12. There is a vision for all students to close opportunity gaps.
13. Science/Technology: it is not just about using devices/technology, it is how to be creators of technology (consumers v. creators), there will be a shift to use programs like Dreambox for math (<http://www.dreambox.com/>) and Raz Kids for reading/science (<https://www.raz-kids.com/>) for engaging homework but not as a replacement of teachers teaching students. The library will be open before/after school for those students who do not have access to technology at home. All teachers will be participating in the use of the programs in the classroom but implementation will be staggered based on teacher professional development/training.
14. There will be a new reading curriculum, implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards and incorporating the sustainable garden into the STEAM with the help of the garden grant.
15. ELA scores are good, students and teachers have been working hard.

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16. Next year, 20 minutes will be added to the school day (start/end times TBD), every Wednesday will be early dismissal for teacher development.
17. The school is trying to move away from having lunch so early in the day. Recess will be monitored by teachers, students will receive the same amount of recess/outdoor time. There will be a change in when recess times, TBD.
18. Be sure to turn in your Parent Input Placement Questionnaire by June 1.
19. Cindy has an open door policy, she encourages parent communication. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact her: (206) 252-9500 or [cpchaput@seattleschools.org](mailto:cpchaput@seattleschools.org).

MISC.

1. Nominating Committee is still looking for people to join the Board.
2. Encourage parents to continue to reach out to the legislature to voice concerns over education. Find who your representatives are: <http://paramountduty.org/call-your-legislators/>
  - REP. EILEEN CODY: 360-786-7978, [EILEEN.CODY@LEG.WA.GOV](mailto:EILEEN.CODY@LEG.WA.GOV)
  - REP. JOE FITZGIBBON: 360-786-7952, [JOE.FITZGIBBON@LEG.WA.GOV](mailto:JOE.FITZGIBBON@LEG.WA.GOV)
  - SEN. SHARON NELSON: 360-786-7667, [SHARON.NELSON@LEG.WA.GOV](mailto:SHARON.NELSON@LEG.WA.GOV)

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

DATED MAY 11, 2017

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Tricia Coulter, Board Co-Secretary