

Ballard PTA Minutes-General Association Meeting

January 11, 2019

Linda Shier, President, welcomed all present and then called a Ballard PTA General Association Meeting to order at 2pm at Ballard School. Linda introduced the board members present.

Board Members and Invited Members Present:

Linda Shier-President	Anastasia Lubke-Treasurer
Jennifer Johnson-Secretary	Amber Thompson-Social Media
Allan Pelletier-Principal/Superintendent	Joan Romero-Garcia-Assist. Membership
Tamara Rowles-Auditor	Chris Forsyth-Historian
Erika Herthel-Events	Anwanur Gielow-Past Auditor
Susan Shehab-Member	Angie Johnson-Member
Victoria Mortensen-Member	Tracey Cassidy-Ballard Board Member
Dove Castillo-Member	Aniesa Ballinger-Member
Tracy Losson-Member	Cathy Bunke-Member

1) Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report-Jennifer Johnson

- The minutes from the last general association meeting on November 9, 2018 were distributed. With no corrections the minutes were accepted as is.

2) Finance Reports-Anastasia Lubke

- **Treasurers Report:** Anastasia Lubke went over the financial report and the current balance on hand is \$86,169.56
- **Ratify Checks:** Susan Shehab made a motion to ratify checks 1010-1022 and Tracy Losson seconded the motion and it passed.
- **Tax Preparation Update:** Anastasia requested an extension on filing our taxes to May 15th, 2019. The accountant has everything she needs to complete the taxes.
- **End of Year Audit:** Anwanur Gielow presented the audit for 2017/2018 and found the audit to be correct. Anastasia Lubke made a motion to accept the audit as is and Susan Shehab seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3) Vice President's Report-Tracy Minus-absent

4) Membership-Linda Shier

- We currently have 86 members
- Ballard PTA Directory-Linda Shier
 - A smaller version of the Ballard Family Business directory will be emailed out. Next year PTA can decide if they want to allocate money towards creating a book for Ballard Families. The PDF version will be linked on the Ballard PTA Website.

5) Social Media Chair-Amber Thompson

- Amber will put the Ballard Business Directory online.

6) Old Business

- Thanksgiving Feast-Erika Herthel
 - It was a great event and receipts for reimbursement are needed. Thank you to the Witt Family for the beautiful flowers and the Forsyth Family at Mission Linen for the donation of linens. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the event possible through planning, shopping, setting up and cleaning up.
- Bear Wear-Tracy Cassidy
 - Bear Wear will be coming in for the families who pre-ordered. Jerseys will be purchased for the annual junior high track meet with a more mature logo. Thanks to the 6th grade for their fundraising efforts
- Book Fair-Book fair was a success and we had a lot of volunteers. Our librarian Heidi will be looking into other options beside Scholastic. The income from the book fair was lower than two years ago, however it was higher than last year.
- Bylaws-Chris Forsyth and Linda Shier
 - They have gone through the bylaws and have made minor changes and updates. The changes will be presented soon to the board.

7) New Business-

- Upcoming Events
 - Teacher Appreciation Lunch is February 14, 2019 and the 1st grade will be in charge. Linda Shier will be watching the sign-up list if there is needed items. The board graciously agrees to fill in if needed since the 1st grade is the only class in charge of the luncheon.
 - March Meeting-Mr. Pelletier has arranged for a technology presentation for a March PTA meeting in the evening. A discussion around social

media, gaming and other relevant topics will be discussed. A date will soon be on the calendar.

- Jamboree-The Jamboree will be held April 28th, 2019. Chris Forsyth and Tracy Cassidy will be chairing the event. The Jamboree is a family friendly event with an old-fashioned carnival theme. The Jamboree is held every other year. There will be a silent auction, living history museum, booths and a large musical chairs game. We will not have a live auction except for the class projects. The live auction is held every other year at the Barn Bash fundraiser which is an adult only event. There are many volunteer positions available and a meeting January 24th will be held for interested volunteers. The event funds extra- curriculars and activities for the children. The event supports our music program and PE program as well. Discussions were made to possibly have a little siblings musical chairs game.

8) Superintendent/Principal's Report

- Sacramento Trip Update
 - The 4th grade Sacramento trip is still in the process of planning. Options have been researched about going with a tour and a meeting is planned for the 4th grade parents to discuss. Mr. Pelletier plans to attend this year as the Teacher representative
- The start date for school may be moving to August 14th, 2019 to coincide with Solvang Elementary and Santa Ynez Valley High School.
- Teacher Mini Grant Request- Mrs. Gamboa requested a mini grant to research flexible seating options for her classroom. Mini grants for the Teachers were included in this year's budget. Each request will be reviewed and voted upon.
- Science Camp will be up north again this year.
- Ballard School has received a broadband infrastructure improvement grant. The grant is used to further support educational technology in California, and continue the important work started under BIIG. 1.0, the state budget included and additional 50 million in 2015-2016 for network infrastructure improvement for schools and districts. The opportunity was handled through a grant application process and services distributed by the K-12 High Speed Network, in consultation with the Department of Education and State Board of Education

9) Next Meetings:

- General Association Meeting: An evening March Meeting will be planned. Date and time will be decided.

10) Meeting was adjourned at 2:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Johnson, Secretary