



DRAFT PTA General Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023

8:00 am at MES@Inman auditorium

- I. Call-to-Order and Welcome
 - a. Co-President Tony Moore calls the meeting to order at 08:06 am
 - b. Quorum is established (41 members present; quorum is at least 15)
 - c. A handout was circulated with QR codes for relevant links:
 - i. April 19, 2023 General Meeting Agenda
 - ii. January 26, 2023 General Meeting Minutes
 - iii. 2022-23 Proposed Budget Changes: April 19, 2023
 - d. Co-President Dawn Rutherford presents the agenda as posted on the MES PTA website and circulated via printed QR code in the meeting
 - i. No additions requested
 - ii. Motion to approve by Zach Juno
 1. Second from Susan Mapen
 2. Unanimous approval
- II. Secretary Emily Cooper presents the minutes from General Meeting of January 26, 2023 as posted on the PTA website and circulated via printed QR code in the meeting
 - a. No corrections noted
 - b. Motion to approve by Elizabeth Fox
 - i. Second from Stephanie Mayfield
 - ii. Unanimous approval
- III. Election of the 2023-24 PTA Executive Committee
 - a. Slate of officers presented by Secretary Emily Cooper, as follows:
 - i. Co-Presidents: Dawn Rutherford and Zach Juno
 - ii. VP Communication: Kristen Cincotta
 - iii. VP Community: Aisha Stith
 - iv. VP Enrichment: Anne-Marie DeBacker
 - v. VP Fundraising: Dayna Detro
 - vi. VP Operations: Camille Richardson
 - vii. VP SWAG: Jackie Townley
 - viii. Secretary: Jane Myung Park
 - ix. Treasurer: Effie Antonakakis



- b. There were no nominations from the floor.
 - c. Motion to approve the slate by Brooke Linefsky
 - i. Second Mallory Rahman
 - ii. Unanimous approval
- IV. PTA Committee Highlights
- a. MES Waves - Stephanie Mayfield
 - i. 104 students will showcase their talents through a combination of artistic media displayed and live performances on Sunday, April 23, 2023.
 - ii. The live performances will be split into 2 unique shows, held at 1:00pm and 2:45pm. Tickets are free at the door and are first come, first served.
 - b. International Festival – Shraddha Strennen
 - i. First ever festival to celebrate the cultures of our MES community will be September 30, 2023.
 - ii. Call to action: complete the 2-question google form sent via Digital Dolphin and posted on FaceBook to describe your family’s heritage.
 - c. Earth Week - Jackie Townley
 - i. Saturday, April 22, 2023 is Earth Day. MES SWAG and Dolphins Do Good will be hosting a clean up at Herbert Taylor from 9am to 11am.
 - ii. The following week, MES will celebrate Earth Week during the school day. Monday and Tuesday, second grade will have a visit from the Wylde Center. Friday, kindergarten will get to meet some goats. Tuesday, first grade will learn from High Touch High Tech. Friday, Georgia Power will work with all grades at recess to learn about solar power. Walk to School Day will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023.
- V. Recap of Community Meetings: Co-Presidents Tony Moore & Dawn Rutherford
- a. Thank you to everyone who participated in the community meetings. Key highlights included strong support for all “Day 1” items, with special focus on the MES Garden renovation, both auditorium and mobile audio enhancements, auditorium curtain replacement, a select few “Day 1 Murals”, and wayfinding signage.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report – Financial Review
- a. Dawn Rutherford, on behalf of Treasurer Kristen Weinstein, presents the 2022-23 PTA Budget Amendment as posted on the PTA website and circulated via printed QR code in the meeting



- i. The budget has been adjusted for actuals since it was last presented in January 2023.
 - ii. Other expenditure adjustments of note: East Rock Springs facilities improvement increase of \$10,000 and garden renovation increase of \$58,500.
 - iii. Additional revenue of \$45,750 was raised by the brick campaign.
 - iv. As of today, the budget shows a surplus of over \$100,000. However, the majority of East Rock Springs facilities improvements as well as the \$20,000 for Virginia Highland Elementary PTO seed funding have not yet been realized.
 - v. It is proposed that the budget be approved to carry forward a deficit of \$38,166.50.
 - b. Ali Giannavola motions to approve the 2022-23 PTA Budget Amendment as presented
 - i. Second from Justin Hubbarth
 - ii. Unanimously approved
- VII. Principal's Update– Audrey Sofianos
 - a. The Rising Kindergarten Splash event was hosted successfully yesterday. There were approximately 80 kids total, with no tears!
 - b. Return to East Rock Springs
 - i. For the first time in 30 years, the entire school will be behind 4 walls.
 - ii. The schedule has been adjusted to combine lunch and recess.
 - iii. The most up-to-date staffing charts are available on the GO Team website, refer to the presentation from April 18, 2023.
 - iv. The latest MAP testing data is also provided in the April 18, 2023 GO Team presentation.
 - v. The final campus tour of this school year is this Friday. Tours will resume this summer after the move is complete.
 - c. Sara Hamilton has been selected as Teacher of the Year!
- VIII. Adjournment - Co-President Dawn Rutherford
 - a. Please reach out if you're still looking to find your place
 - b. Motion to adjourn from Shraddha Strennan
 - i. Second by Denise Lippert
 - ii. Meeting adjourned at 08:50am