

PTO General Meeting – Minutes

February 7, 2011

While there was not a quorum present, we presented the business of the meeting.

Proposed amendment to the by-laws posted in December regarding residency requirements to serve on Board. Only individuals who have a student enrolled at SPARK are eligible to serve on the Board.

Please visit website to sign-up for the Teacher Appreciation Program. Suggestions for program should be submitted to Tonya Biyad. There was a request at the meeting for lamination machine to be serviced.

PTO elections will be in the near future. Nominations will be accepted in the near term. The President position is available, and the by-laws will be amended to permit election of President when the Vice President resigns from the Vice Presidency between annual meetings.

David Rein went to the CINS legislative meeting. Joe Martin, Kathy Ashe, and Jason Carter, as well as four school board members—Khaatim El, Cecily Harsch-Kinnane, Brenda Muhammad, and Yolanda Jones—were in attendance. David reported that there was an interesting presentation on funding public education. David discussed various facts presented at the meeting.

Yearbook sales are open. No re-take day for school pictures.

Teachers are excited about grants that have been approved. They were presented at the faculty meeting.

Ms. Turgeon thanked the PTO for the grant and for the funding to build a music library.

There was a question about the Dine Outs. It was decided that a Dine Out would not be scheduled in December. There is a Dine Out on Tuesday, February 22nd at Jason's Deli on 10th Street. We had been fundraising for the playground and are now focused on raising money for the PTO.

David Rein noted that the PTO is doing well, but that we need more parent involvement. The biggest concern is the lack of parent engagement and involvement. Ideas for parent involvement were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.