

TCGIS PTO 10-3-10

Attendees

Gina Vader, Prez. Rebecca Johnson, VP. Molly McBeath, Treasurer. Michelle Sheire, Archivist/Historian. Lisa Antony-Thomas, Secretary. Kami Blackwell-Kinney, Noel Carlson, Lisa Chen, Carolyn Cook-Breithaupt, Carmen Dahlberg, Nicole Grenz, Deb Hemel, Diana Grundeen, Kelly Huxman, Krista Johnson, Mickey Jurewicz-Grunheid, Lori Kenison, Molly Lynch-McKinney, Adam Nelson, Shannon Nelson, Danielle Sanders, Chris Weimholt, Sue Westacott, Heidi Zimmermann, Peter Zimmermann, Eric Hauth-Schmid, Kim Kompel, Carman Dahlberg, Kari Swedburg, Kris Hennelly, Maddie Lindner, Karin Spencer, Michael Hamacher.

6:35 Gina Vader call to order

6:35 Approval of agenda. Britta Walker moved, Kim Kompel seconded. Unanimously approved.

6:37 Approval of September minutes. Rebecca Johnson moved, Nicole Grenz seconded. Unanimously approved.

6:38 Correction of June minutes. \$2000 approved for Leslie Watson playground fund. This was approved in June, but the minutes do not reflect this. Correct number is \$4000 total (Leslie's approved \$2000 in June and the already existing \$2000). Sue Westacott moved to approve this change and Heidi Zimmermann seconded. Unanimously approved.

6:39 Treasurer report. Molly McBeath. Auditing committee is meeting tomorrow night and will move on the process. More info to come.

Changes to the budget: increase to parent-teacher conference food budget. Some people had paid out of pocket in the past and we want to accurately fund this. Weimholdt line item removed-the PTO was just intending to hold this money but the school will handle the disbursement instead.

Teacher discretionary fund. The executive board had a lot of discussion about this and what would be most fair and efficient. As a base, we used a formula of FTE x\$300. So if a teacher was .5 FTE, that teacher would get \$150. Each classroom teacher gets a fund of \$300. However, some teachers are not full time, but serve all the children. For example, Valentin Solakau (music/drama) is not full time, but serves all children. Amy Lenburg (art) has an additional amount to cover "consumables." Science has its own fund. ESL has a fund. Teacher funds will not roll over. It is currently set up that if a teacher does not spend his/her money, it will go into the Director's fund. We increased the Director's allocation this year due to the increase in office staff and felt that she would be better able to decide how this money should be spent/divided among office staff needs (versus giving office staff their own discretionary funds). Cornelia Fritsche expressed gratitude on behalf of teachers to have this money.

One other change to the budget is an increase in the Event Reserve Fund. This is where we

take money needed for deposits and upfront costs so we can fund some of our major Events. Maskenball is our biggest and most costly event. Ticket sales are designed to cover event costs, but obviously the money is not available until after the sales are made. Therefore we need enough money in this fund to cover deposits for facilities, band, caterers, etc. The increase is \$1000 and is a “loan” to the MB committee so they can get some upfront costs covered.

Kari Swedburg moved to approve this change to the budget and Britta Walker seconded. Unanimously approved.

6:54 PTO Board Report.

Gina announced October 18, 2010, 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria will be a child safety meeting. More details and registration information will be e-mailed.

6:56 School Board Report. Eric Hauth-Schmid mentioned a couple highlights of the Board meeting. Where do kids go after TCGIS? Also middle school self evaluation. Sue Westcott enjoyed seeing a timely update on the Board’s retreat-not having to wait for minutes. MN is number one for immersion programs and kids in immersion programs. When kids leave the immersion program if no access to the language, what happens? Eric presented some possible paths/outcomes to this issue. Please see the Board report for more details on this ongoing discussion.

Kim Kompel stated that the German gov’t approved grant and did fund a teacher from Germany for a minimum of 2 years.

7:08 meeting adjourned. Noel Carlson motioned. Krista Johnson seconded-both new parents.

There is a code word for Jeannette’s \$10 off deal for the meal plan “Dinner with Jeannette.” Please contact Lisa at lizabella16@gmail.com if you are interested.