

Albert Einstein Elementary  
PTSA General Membership Meeting  
April 22, 2010

Attendance: (See attached attendance sheets.)

Meeting called to order by Michelle Sullivan at 9:00 am.

Minutes from the January 28, 2010 General Membership Meeting were approved as written.

**Financial Report:** Kari presented our current Financial Report. (See attached Treasurer's Report)  
Einstein received Gold Award in PTSA Membership – 10% above membership from last year.

**Standing Rules for 2010/2011:** (See attached Standing Rules)

- Amend board structure for next year with committee chairs replacing many VP positions.
- Executive Board to include a 2<sup>nd</sup> VP & VP Communications.
- Better breadth of volunteers so people can contribute w/out obligation to attend all meetings.
- Principal still a voting member & new teacher rep, Ms Johnson.

**MOTION #1:** Michelle moves to approve Standing Rules as written. Rana seconded. All in favor.

**Election of Officers for 2010/2011:** (See attached Board Nominations)

- Rana Shafi will be Chairperson for Volunteers. Laura D'Urso will Co-Chair Membership with Madhu. Denisa Farago will Co-Chair Staff Appreciation.
- Yearbook, Reflections, Emergency Prep, Grounds, & MSP Snack are still open. See Michelle or Deva if interested.

**MOTION #2:** Rana moves to accept Board Nominations as written. Jack seconded. All in favor.

**Proposed Budget for 2010/2011:** (See attached Budget Proposal) Michelle thanked Budget Committee. Pointed out budget doesn't balance only b/c of outstanding Otter Grant funds.

**MOTION #3:** Melanie moves to accept Proposed Budget as written. Deva seconded. All in favor.

**Principal's Report:**

- Jack introduces Kelly Pease as *Director of School Support of the Redmond Learning Community* & a parent of an Einstein kindergartener next year.
- Jack thanks PTSA for all the outstanding programs & volunteer hours.

- 2/24 Spruce-up Day of Einstein grounds from 8:30 to noon.
- International Night was a huge success. Approximately 300 excited attendees.
- Staff has begun basketball practice. Pep Rally on Thursday (4/29) afternoon & game that night at Redmond High School.
- **MSP testing** mid-May: Einstein is a “statistical sample school” so our scores will be submitted for state information. Fewer sections to test. Teacher training 4/28.
- **AYP letter** will be sent within next couple weeks & another will come out after MSP test scores are out. Offering 3 schools from which to choose. Every effort will be made to keep siblings together or children are welcome back to Einstein. Kelly Pease welcomes questions (kpease@lwsd.org) so rumors don’t create crisis situation.
- Staff is working with students to highlight all the great things Einstein has to offer in each grade.
- 2010/2011 school year:
  - No new cuts. Based on registration cards submitted, 488 students. 3 full-day kindergartens & 1 half-day. Exploring possibility of a half-day PM kindergarten. 5 first grades. 4 second grades. 3 third grades. 2 fourth grades. 2 fifth grades. 2 sixth grades.
  - Space concerns all over Education Hill—not just at Einstein. Space is a growing concern on entire Eastside of district. Bond didn’t pass but still looking at 3-year middle school model. Extra resource teachers/additional programs without designated space.
  - Monitoring enrollment numbers but currently still up in the air.

### **Introduction of New Principal: Melissa Pointer**

Plan in place for wrapping up her year at Redmond High & moving into next year by 6/30. Began career as ELL teacher & has experience with high performers. Currently learning about the dynamics of this community as well as AYP drama last year. Excited by such a dynamic & diverse population. Email: mpointer@lwsd.org.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Otter Grants/ Spring Spruce Up
  - (see *Approved Otter Grants* listed on Meeting Agenda)
  - New Student Council proposal might come in for a recess Running Club. Overlake painters could paint distance markers while they’re here this summer.
  - Spring Spruce Up: 11 interested families so far & Deva’s Girl Scouts too.
- Otter Mail:
  - PTSA website & Otter Mail are our means of communication with school community. Can go out to folks not enrolled at Einstein as well.
  - Currently 450 email addresses. Will send out in packet format in September to try to get more emails. 70 families still receive hard copies.
  - Kelly wondered if AYP letter could be distributed by same tool.

- Hope that Principal's Message could be translated into Spanish someday.
- Family Events:
  - Art of Discovery is last event of the year.
  - 9 events this year which is a record (for recent years). Great use of momentum after AYP drama.
  - Michelle has composed a survey to be distributed over the next few weeks to give us input for next year since we won't be able to repeat everything.
  - New this year: Otter Grants, Otter Mail & International Night
- Melissa Pointer will be a Safety Net reader at the Redmond Library on Saturday (4/24) at noon.

**Meeting adjourned by Michelle at 10:26 am.**

The above minutes were submitted by Margie Segress, Secretary.