

Ivy School Parent Teacher Association General Meeting Minutes January 15, 2014

Council Members present: Amie Chally, Angela Fox, Rebecca Clements, Leah Cutler, Nina Landey, Rachel Powers, Amy Smith, Karie Breyne

Approve November general meeting minutes:

The November 11, 2013 general meeting minutes were approved as drafted.

Read-a-Thon Allocation Proposal

Fox explained that the read-a-thon was very successful and raised more than we expected. At the beginning of the year our budget, as approved by the membership, included a contribution of \$7,000 to school programs. Because we now have more than that to give, the PTA Council is proposing that we increase the amount we contribute to school programs. In addition, the PTA Council has worked with Mary to propose the allocation of the funds in the following way:

- \$2,500 - Mobile Microscope Lab and Science Material
- \$5,000 - Reading Group Sets and Supplies to support the reading group curriculum
- \$3,500 - General Fund which pays for things such as the Winter Program, Supplies for the Music Program, Ad-Hoc Teacher requests to support special projects and curriculum.

There was a unanimous vote to approve the allocation of funds.

Treasurer's report:

Powers gave a brief Treasurer's report reporting that the PTA spent \$1,400 on tee-shirts and received \$1,500 in funds for tee-shirts. She reported that the PTA has spent \$1,500 on business items so far this year which is over-budget, however, this includes the \$1,000 loan for Script cards that will be replenished.

New business:

There was no new business.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

The group moved rooms to the main agenda item, the screening of *The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia*. The film provided personal and uplifting accounts of the dyslexic experience from children, experts and iconic leaders at the top of their field.

Ivy teacher, Claire Thomas, was there to lend perspective on dyslexia in the Montessori classroom. The film was followed by a mixer where attendees shared thoughts, asked questions and discussed strategies with Claire and other Ivy parents.