

Ivy School Parent Teacher Association General Meeting Minutes September 9, 2014

Council Members present: Beth, Leah, Rebecca, Tanja, Amy, Heidi, Colleen, Muriah, Becky, Colleen, JacQueline

Welcome

Beth welcomed parents and introduced the PTA Council members.

PTA Membership Invitation

Beth talked about the role of the PTA and importance of membership. She invited parents to join the PTA.

Vote to approve PTA Treasurer

There was a unanimous vote to approve Tanja Lux as the PTA Treasurer.

Vote to approve revised 2014-2015 PTA calendar

There was a unanimous vote to approve the revised 2014-2015 PTA calendar.

Create outdoors committee

There was a unanimous vote to approve an outdoors committee.

Fundraising Report

JacQueline reported that the Chinook Book fundraiser starts on 9.15.14 and she is looking for volunteers to assist. She reviewed details about the fundraiser and encouraged everyone to participate.

A new Ivy parent Rowena Macalanda added that she is interested in promoting Shaparoo, an electronic version of the box tops program. She described the program and will work with JacQueline on details.

Swifts Viewing Picnic

Heidi reported on details of the Swift event and invited parents to contact her if they want to contribute desserts to share.

Student Representative on PTA

Beth reported that the Council is authorized to invite an Ivy student to participate on the PTA council. Amy Chally offered to lead this search and we would start with eighth graders.

Details on Friday early dismissal

Mary Zigman spoke about the catalysts and reasoning behind the schedule change for early dismissals on Friday afternoons at both campuses. Mary reviewed last year's accreditation visit by AdvancED and presented their exit report findings. She reviewed the accreditation scores Ivy received in the areas of Purpose, Government/Leadership, Technology/Accessibility, Research/Support and Continual Improvement. Mary noted that Ivy scored highest in the area of "well managed classrooms" and lowest in "technology". Overall Ivy received an overall score of 300 out of 400, which she said was a good result.

Mary presented what the accreditation team found as Ivy's weaknesses. For improvement they required more collaboration between teachers and higher teacher morale. Designating Friday afternoons as collaborative planning time gives teachers planning time (previously they have had none) and allows for teachers to work together. Mary noted that the Ivy administration, the Board and some of the PTA Council members were involved in the decision making process. She also noted that other local charter schools have early release time on Fridays. Ivy will offer aftercare from dismissal until the regular end of the school day for \$10 to help parents with this shift in schedule. In addition there will be enrichment classes offered during this time.

The accreditation team also required a solution to more student support at both campuses. Ivy created two student support positions. Anne O'Neil is on site at Prescott and Amy Stoel is at Morris providing student support and programing support.

Mary stated that these changes allowed for permanent accreditation.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Wednesday, 8, 2014 for the Council and General meetings.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.