



MEETING MINUTES

Twin Cities German Immersion School PTO

Date: 9/10/13

Location: TCGIS

Meeting Called To Order By: Kami Blackwell Kinney, PTO President

Time: 6:35 PM

In Attendance: Joyce Albers Tyrrell, Kristin Becker, Kami Blackwell Kinney, Jennifer Buck, Matt Burress, Angel Chandler, Beki Cook, Nancy Dilts, Amy Donahue, Anna Earle Alderete, Hunter Goetzman, Jane Hall-Dayle, Bryn Hennessy, Jill Hutmacher, Kelly Huxmann, Rebecca Johnson, Mickey Jurewicz, Lisa Linnell, Cindy Miller, Charles Nielson, Krista Ostrom, Shelley Parker, Laurence Reszter, Pia Sektnan, Steven Sektnan, Marcus Sheire, Michelle Sheire, Karin Spencer, Kari Swedberg, Marilee Tuite, Erik Tyrrell, Christine VeLure Roholt, Alexandra Weeding, Elizabeth Zehnpfennig, Heidi Zimmermann, Ahmisa Cuadros, Kristi Johnson, Reggie Johnson, Matt Hotujec, Ellen Thomson, Sue Westacott

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Agenda: Revised agenda from 9/8/13 was approved as written.

Minutes: Minutes from August meeting were approved as written.

School Board Report (Marcus Sheire)

Marcus emphasized the newness of everything this year, touching briefly on all of the changes at the school over the past year. He also announced that in the future, there will be a board update in each Elternbrief.

School Administration Report (Jane Hall-Dayle)

Jane described briefly some new programs that will be started this year. The school is receiving Title I funds to support new staff to help in math and reading intervention. The school will also be able to provide behavioral and social skills interventions to help all kids be successful.

Transportation Committee Update (Hunter Goetzman)

Hunter reported that the drop-off and pick-up routines were improving each day. He gave a few friendly reminders, such as pulling all the way forward and adding grade numbers after children's names on the green pick-up sheets to be displayed in cars. Then he fielded questions from the group and encouraged people to send additional questions via email.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Treasurer, Marilee Tuite

The Finance Committee met recently. Bank statements were signed and are available for review. The accountants at CLA are setting up QuickBooks, hopefully to be done this week. Our current PTO balance is \$24,046.04. Marilee also reviewed the expense reimbursement procedure for PTO volunteers. Reimbursement forms will be available on the PTO site soon — paper copies are available now.

President, Kami Blackwell Kinney

Kami reported that there will be a pdf of the PTO calendar on the website soon; extra paper copies are still available. She pointed out highlights of the new PTO Guide: new teacher enrichment fund reimbursement process, committee structure changes, contact info, outline of annual PTO events, our fundraising philosophy, funding highlights from 2012–2013. She reminded attendees that all TCGIS parents are automatically members of the PTO. Kami also promoted the New Parent Panel Night at next month's PTO meeting, where members of the school board, staff, and administration, as well as veteran parents will be available to answer questions. She passed out a sheet listing upcoming meet-ups. Finally, Kami reviewed the new PTO organizational structure, going through the handout line by line.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee reports at this meeting. Attendees broke up into committee groups briefly to answer questions and talk about volunteer opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open invitation to all to gather at Gabe's after tonight's meeting.

Next meeting: New Parent Panel Night, Tuesday, October 8, 2013 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at TCGIS. Childcare will be provided.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM

Minutes Compiled By: Kelly Huxmann, PTO Secretary (2013–2014)