



Creekside PTSA General Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2022 7:10 – 8:15pm

Location: Creekside Elementary Library

Attendees: In Person: *Amy Miller, Krista Wood, Jaime Daniel, Nikki Edwards, Amy Allison, Bree Russell, Dana Bailey, Freya Thoreson, Nadiya Mitual*; Zoom: *Jennifer Nakamura, Grady Brambaugh, Katie Heady, Trevor Peden, Cheyanne Schuler*

President's Report- *Amy Miller*

- Consent agenda - approve minutes from September general Membership meeting (Amy motioned, Jaime 2nd, all in favor- passed)
- Grants communicated - as listed in board meeting minutes
 - Keep open communication to understand what the staff needs are (we can fund items instead of teachers paying out of pocket)

Vice President of Volunteers Report- *Krista Wood*

Cultural Night	3/23/23
Science Night	4/20/23
End of Year Event	6/9/23
Yearbook Cover Contest	1/22/23
ISF Dining for Kids	1/4/23 (Panda Express)
ISF Nourish Every Mind	4/27/23 (Encouraging staff and board members to attend is possible)

Treasurer's Report – *Rohani Jotshi (communicated by Amy Miller)*

- Presented December budget statement
 - Paraprofessional funding is next major expense
 - Company matching from fundraiser still coming in



Special Education PTSA Presentation (Freya Thoreson, Nadia Mitual, Dr. Dana Bailey)

- Brand new association (launched in March - inaugural year)
- Directive – to empower and educate parents and advocate for students
- Provide IEP support (Nadia sharing advice from her own experience with IEP issues)
 - Resources , what to ask, who to talk to
- Community building - coffee hour & parent power hours - great success - parents connecting and sharing stories
- Connecting with local PTSA and sharing resources as well as district partnering
- Encouraging dual enrollment in both the PTSA and the Special Education PTSA
- SPED funding - top 5 priorities for WA state PTSA
- This year's goal – To help families by making the IEP and 504 process less daunting
 - Working with curriculum as well to update practices
- Listening sessions to continually improve processes
- Goal: to get up and running - a lot of paperwork - learning curve
- Facts for Families - monthly - acronym list coming out
- Ask the Experts Video every month - Q and A afterwards with a follow up
- Promotion - Word of mouth, E-news, Peach jar, Membership, Instagram, YouTube channel, private Facebook group, other ideas welcome
 - Note to moderate negativity in social media channels
 - Teachers: promote by sharing flyers at IEP meetings that link to the Special Education site via a QR code
- Understood.org - excellent source of info for parents
- Wednesday Wins - 2 times a month - encourage families to share what's working
- Strategies to research diverse communicated (language barriers)
- 2028 policy changes