



Creekside Elementary

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### Creekside PTSA Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 6, 2024, 10:00am - noon

**Location:** Katie Heady's home (1459 227<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE Sammamish)

**Attendance:** Amy Miller, Katie Heady, Jaime Daniel, Tai Kopczynski, Swati Jain, Jenny Molumby, Nikki Edwards

#### **Presidents Report - Amy Miller**

- Spinami Removal
  - Amy Alison can reach out to ISD about possible removal. Board agrees to move forward once removal guidelines and PTSA costs are confirmed. Teachers can decide what they would like as a replacement (Play table was mentioned)
- Principal Amy meeting
  - Pride Club is happening again (not a PTSA sponsored event) Lack of communication around this club remains an issue for parents
  - Spelling Bee will not happen next year as it was too complex and frustrating for teachers
- Otter-Thon Sponsorships
  - All PTSA events are eligible for sponsorships (ie. Halloween Night, Golden Acorn Awards, Hearing and Vision Screening, Grants etc..)
  - Sponsors will be recognized on the PTSA website and Social media with their logos and possibly in the yearbook
- Donor Grants
  - ISF Grants – Grant Placards for Creekside, visual reminders of available grants
- Promote PTSA Membership
  - Place signs outside Teacher classroom highlighting their PTSA membership
- Teacher Sunshine Cart
  - Teachers have asked for \$300 to replenish the cart, this has been very popular (as a grant request), board approved unanimously
- Spring Planning Meetings 24/25
  - 4/2 (after board meeting) to discuss Back to School initiatives, 4/16 (evening) to discuss Otter-Thon; 5/7 (after board meeting) for anything additional topics
- Creekside Garden
  - Jaime to reach out to Mrs. Alexander to move forward (PTSA budget \$100-150)
- Remind-App (will not be renewed due to cost and low number of signups)



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- Teacher Survey 24/25
  - OTTER-THON
    - Amy created a survey for teachers to fill out during their upcoming staff meeting, Amy will present beforehand
    - Goal is to clarify teacher preferences for PTSA efforts, but it is ultimately only PTSA board members that can plan and implement.
    - Ask teachers what activities are most impactful or motivating for teachers and students
    - Clarify what teachers are currently responsible for, and ask what additional things they are willing to participate in
    - Outside events need district approval
    - Grade competition vs Class competition, daily prizes for winning classes
    - Classroom rewards vs Individual rewards
    - Ask teachers what they would like to see changed or removed from Otter-Thon
    - Request 2 Otter-thon assemblies (recess time) – Amy will ask
  - ART DOCENT/ROOM PARENTS
    - Recruiting/Coordinating Art docents and Room Parents is the teacher's responsibility as the PTSA does not have access to the classroom contact lists (emphasize deadlines and communicate what assistance can be provided by the PTSA)
    - Art Docent program is a PTSA funded and organized program, teachers can choose to OPT-OUT of the Art Docent program and Room Parent option
    - PTSA will clarify the role of a Room Parent, as well as what training and support will be offered. Class emails and Teacher gifts will no longer be part of the room parent role. Room parents will be responsible for distributing Friendship Lists, and liaising with teachers for classroom parties and events
    - PTSA news will be sent out via Paige from the office
    - PTSA will focus on more Staff-Wide Appreciation events
    - Staff Birthday/Favorites lists on the PTSA website for parents to access
  - PTSA MEMBERSHIP
    - Non-Members will be charged for PTSA events
  - TEACHER/STAFF PTSA FUNDS ALLOCATION
    - Identify teacher preferences (Grants vs Classroom budgets vs. Grade Level funds), keep \$1000 available for support staff and specialists



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### **Spirit Wear Report - Jenny Molumby**

- Jenny is looking at different styles (t-shirts, accessories – socks, caps etc..) will stick with the same artwork/branding (Jenny has a source to review the design), brighter colors requested, soft pink popular with teachers, timeline is after mid-winter break

### **ISF Luncheon – Swati Jain**

- Will PTSA be hosting a table? Amy volunteered to do this, will be making an Otter-themed basket to auction off

### **VP Volunteers Report – Jaime Daniel**

- Movie Night was a success, discussed moving it to the spring next year so younger kids can go outside, have an intermission?
- Stem Night 4/25: Jaime met with co-chairs (Save the date communication and volunteer recruiting – Swati)
- Golden Acorn Awards: May 7<sup>th</sup> - nomination forms are ready, deadline is April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Toastmasters – approved to start mid-March in library (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Talent Show – continue promoting, create a flyer (discussed 5<sup>th</sup> grade MC's?)
- Chess club is going well
- Yearbook Vendor (2 year contract is up – discussed whether to switch vendors and cost)

### **Treasurer's Report – Christy Sharf**

- **January Beginning balance \$240,588.23**
- Deposits and other credits 471.41
- Withdrawals and other debits -116.70
- Checks -2,116.94
- **January Ending balance \$238,826.00**