



1741 Pine Valley Road, Vienna, VA 22182

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General Assembly Meeting

MINUTES

Date: 12/05/19

Time: 9:30 AM

Place: Cafeteria

Westbriar Special Education and Speech Teacher Presentation

1. Speech therapy offered for fluency (stuttering), muscular, and voice lessons.
2. Referrals for speech therapy can be from any person and must identify how the child's learning is being impacted.
3. Mrs. Eid meets with a group of kids so they can speak to each other for 30 min sessions.
4. She doesn't do oral motor exercise because there is no evidence of this method working. However she does work with students to place their tongue in the right spot or teeth, etc.
5. Classroom teachers are typically the first to notice any speech disorders. Then Mrs. Eid comes into the classroom to observe the student for 10 minutes. If she sees any issues, the parent will be notified.
6. Dyslexia is a disorder that reading specialists address and not speech specialists.

Introduction to Meeting

1. Trish Vanstory called the General Assembly meeting to order at 9:53am.

Approval of last meeting minutes

1. October 10, 2019 meeting minutes from the last PTA General Assembly meeting were presented. Suneeta Rana motioned to approve them and Sandi Rothman seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Budget Report

1. The budget is in good standing.
2. Book fair made \$1k more than budgeted.
3. Pumpkin fest made more money than intended.
4. We paid our taxes and our dues.

5. There were no questions about the budget from membership.

Membership Report

1. Currently there are 486 family bundles and 33 staff memberships.

Enrichment Report

1. Winter line up will be open on Monday, December 9th.

Principal's Report

1. We reduced our energy by 35% from last year and thereby received the Energy Star Award. Mary will put it in the teacher newsletter so that the students know that we are saving energy.
2. Thank you volunteers for helping with Thanksgiving lunch and Book fair.
3. There are a handful of upgrades to the school that Mary would like to execute with PTA funds:
 - a. \$14k to purchase (30) more ipads and a cart to put into rotation throughout the school. It would be an additional resource for classrooms. Teachers are very careful that technology is not an electronic babysitter.
 - b. \$1k to purchase an electronic die cutter.
 - c. \$5k to purchase projectors in 4 more rooms (2 resource rms, band and strings, and gym)
 - i. A parent asked: Can the Gym projector have the ability to track heart rates?
 - d. Jennifer Sellers made the motion to approve PTA funding for all upgrades listed above, Natalie Lueders seconded the motion.
4. Mr. Strawn will be holding parent tech sessions in the near future. Mary will figure out timing/scheduling.

Report of the Bylaws Committee

1. At our last meeting the proposed changes to the bylaws were presented.
2. Valerie McFalls motioned to accept changes to bylaws, Jennifer Sellers seconded. Two-thirds vote needed to change. We had a unanimous vote.
3. Julianna Lieu will print and send out new bylaws to the VA PTA. They will need to post on our website too.

PTA Volunteer Opportunities

1. Need parents to help sell tickets for skate night.

Other

1. Work on making the PTA events calendar easier to find on our website.
2. 80's vs. Current Hits Dance needs \$750 budget change - income \$750, expenses \$750, net zero
 - a. Jennifer Sellers motioned to approve the budget changes, Heather Koo seconded the motion.
 - b. Amy Blas, the chair for this event, will reach out to Swathi Shah about allergy friendly food options.
3. Mary will ask the teachers, via her weekly newsletter, to send her a list of preferred authors for donated books.
4. Gift cards are for Timber Lane Elementary and not Hybla Valley Elementary
 - a. Trish to send an email about this. We were 50 families short last year.

Next Meeting

1. Suneeta Rana motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am. Mary Tam seconded the motion.
2. Next meeting will be held Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Library.

In Attendance

First Name:	Are you a current member of the PTA?
Julianna	Yes
Trish	Yes
Deirdre	Yes
Mary	Yes
Suneeta	Yes
Jennifer	Yes
Adeline	Yes
Jenny	Yes

Heather	Yes
Natalie	Yes
Rachid	Yes
Angela	Yes
Valerie	Yes
Crystal	Yes
Sheila	Yes
Sandi	Yes