

Liberty High PTSA

Supporting our Kids and Community

Membership Minutes – DRAFT
Liberty High School PTSA 2.6.50
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Proper notice of the meeting was given.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by President Dawn Peschek. In attendance: Dawn Peschek, Laila Collins, Shelly Russell, Michelle Moore, Sean Martin, Heidi Kayler, Steve VanHuss, Stacy Morford, Alison Larsson, Treacy Trimble, Laura Norris, Jennie Wildermuth, Tisha Giuliani, Korista Smith-Barney. Quorum was present.

Principal's Report

Mr. Martin reports that Liberty Staff has been working hard to come up with ideas to make graduation a special time for seniors. Yard signs have been sold for seniors to post in their yards. They are considering ways for staff to say goodbye to students, possibly a student drive-by parade.

The grading process has been established for online learning. Students will not receive a lower grade than they had at the time the school building was closed due to COVID-19. The Mid-Term 3 or Quarter 3 grade (whichever is the higher grade) will be used for reference. If the student's Semester 2 grade is higher, that grade will be used. They don't want students to feel penalized for the change in learning environment.

The school is preparing for next year and the various scenarios, including online learning, that may take place at the start of school. They have surveyed all students to find out how they are feeling about their current workload. The response was that students felt they had too much work. The goal of 45 minutes of classwork per class is being far exceeded.

They are hoping to distribute yearbooks during the first week of June. There will also be designated days for students to pick up instruments and the contents of their lockers.

There is no plan at this time for a live graduation or a time for students to come to school to say goodbyes. Any future plans will have to follow state requirements for gathering and social distancing.

Approval of Minutes

Membership meeting minutes from January 28, 2020 were reviewed. A date typo at the bottom of the minutes will be removed. Approved, will be filed as amended.

Treasurer's Report

The April financial summary report was presented, income and expenses were reviewed. The report will be filed as presented, subject to financial review.

Preliminary Budget Approval

The 2020-2021 preliminary budget was presented and reviewed. There will be a carryover of about \$15,000.

Motion made by Treacy Trimble to approve the preliminary budget as presented. Second. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee places the following names in nomination to serve on the 2020-2021 Liberty PTSA Board of Directors:

For the office of President: Open

For the Office of Vice President: Dawn Peschek

For the Office of Secretary: Korista Smith-Barney

For the Office of Treasurer: Alison Larsson

The Nominating Committee has confirmed that each nominee has been a member of a PTA for at least 15 days prior to the election, and meets other requirements as required by the Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws.

Election of 2020-2021 Officers

The election was conducted according to Washington State PTA Uniform Bylaws, Article 5, Section 6. President Dawn Peschek read the names of nominees for each office, and asked for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were declared closed.

Motion made by Laila Collins to approve the slate of nominees as a whole. Second. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

According to the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, the acting president may continue as the interim president until another candidate is found. Current President Dawn Peschek will continue to preside over Liberty PTSA and serve as the Interim President until a new and qualified candidate is found and elected.

Check signers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year will be Dawn Peschek, Alison Larsson and Korista Smith-Barney.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

572 members, 58 staff

Senior Events

Grad Night had to be rescheduled due to social distancing requirements. Parents were surveyed and provided with options for new dates. Grad Night has been tentatively rescheduled for July 23rd. The state will need to be in Phase 4 of reopening for the event to be allowed to take place. If we are not in Phase and not able to have the event, tickets will be refunded and an alternate plan that observes social distancing will be discussed.

VP Volunteers

Class of 2021 – Chairs are needed. Jennie is contacting people and working to set up a Zoom meeting. An auction chair is particularly needed since the auction is planned for fall of 2020. An online auction is being considered. Some funds have been raised by the car wash ticket sales.

Class of 2022 – The E-cycle event will possibly be rescheduled for July or August.

Class of 2023 – Jen Hayes is working with a restaurant in downtown Renton to set up a take-out night fundraiser.

Issaquah Schools Foundation

Virtual tables are being filled for the Nourish Every Mind luncheon. Tables will meet for 15 minutes at lunchtime each day this week. The fundraising goal for the luncheon is \$597,000; \$171,000 has been raised so far.

Announcements

Outstanding Educator Award nominations will be open through Friday, May 29th.

The financial review will be completed after the end of the fiscal year; hoping the committee can meet in person.

The Foundation's VOICE program is facilitating mentor/mentee matches. They expect to have about 50 people matched and conducting Zoom meetings before the end of the school year.

Adjournment: 7:23pm

Submitted by: Korista Smith-Barney, Secretary

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