

## Laurel PTO General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24, 2014

Location: Laurel Multi-Purpose Room

Submitted by: Fiona Walker

Board Attendees: Jenny Freiermuth, Stacey Jones, Ken Wang, Fiona Walker, Anneliese Abdella, Sandra Ewers, Diana Haven, Lupita Calderon, Amanda Bower, Amy Palmer, Linda Creighton

Absent: Ashley Regan, Terry Thygesen, Stephanie Seeger

Others Present: Maurice Ghysels, Alicia Bowman, Jennifer Kollmann, Ginny Maiwald, Members of the Laurel School community

The meeting was called to order by Jenny Freiermuth at 8:40 am.

### Year in Review

Jenny Freiermuth expressed her gratitude to the Laurel community for the honor of serving on the PTO Board for the past three years. She reviewed the PTO activities of the past academic year, including the kindergarten Q/A & Play in August, Fall Family Picnic and successful membership campaign in September, and the book fair in October. The calendar year ended with the support of Caring & Sharing families by the Laurel community during Thanksgiving and the holidays. For the months January through March, the community enjoyed Week of the Family, Math Night, a fantastic Bake Sale, Staff Appreciation Week, Pop Pop Read-a-Lot, and the STEAM Fair. In addition to scheduled PTO Board Meetings, the remaining events for the school year are Spingo Night at Encinal, Volunteer Recognition brunch, and the Spring Fling, Open House and Fine Arts Festival.

### 2013-2014 Budget Review

Ken Wang presented an update of the 2013-2014 budget, with membership funds greater than the goal due to higher than expected corporate matching, and additional fundraisers also exceeded the budgeted amounts. There is still additional income to be received from Are You In? run. After expenses for the remainder of the year, sufficient funds will remain in the account to cover the teacher grants at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

### PTO Board Nominations

Diana Haven made a motion to approve Stacey Jones as this year's PTO Vice President. All in attendance approved the motion. Stacey Jones presented the proposed slate of nominees for the

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2014-2015 Executive Board. A **motion** was made to approve the slate and was approved by all in attendance.

### STEAM Fair

Jenny Freiermuth expressed gratitude on behalf of the entire school to Amanda Bower, Jill Baker, Christine Chan, Chantal Maussenet for their dedicated work to the STEAM Fair. Amanda Bower discussed plans for next year's fair and shared a brief documentary made following this year's fair, which will be shown at Back to School Night in the fall to encourage volunteers.

A **motion to adjourn** the meeting was made at 9:08 am until the May 1 Executive Board Meeting. All in attendance approved the motion.