**PTA Minutes**

*Spring Glen PTA General Membership Meeting*

Wednesday February 17, 2021

Held via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:06 by Courtney Connors

*In attendance*

Board members present: Courtney Connors, President; Steve Curtis, Vice President; Elizabeth Williams, Vice President; Misha Serfillippi, VP Fundraising; Cara McDonough, Secretary, Steve Curtis, Vice President

**Welcome – Courtney Connors**

**Call for a motion to accept minutes of last PTA meeting and communication of correspondence** - Jon Farrar seconded. Misha Serfillippi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

* Correspondence: email from Mr. Sullivan about planning a virtual art night.

**Principal’s Report – Principal Howard Hornreich**

* Superintendent has started budget process - Principal Hornreich encouraged PTA members to send comments.
* Commented on how Black History Month is being infused into daily instruction in February.
* There was a broader discussion among members in attendance about Black History Month and ways to increase Diversity and Inclusion initiatives in the school.

**Health & Welfare**– Courtney Connors

* Discussion about the coronavirus case at SPG and how community members reached out to the PTA to get questions answered. The PTA hopes to continue acting in this capacity and encourages the community to reach out whenever they have questions.

**Treasurer's report –** Jon Farrar

* The 5K will be our biggest fundraiser this year.
* Encouraged people to reach out if they know someone who owns a local business and might like to sponsor the 5K.

**Reports of standing committees**

*Membership*

*Fundraising – Misha Serfillippi*

* 5K committee is looking at different formats for race sign-up and considering dates in late April/early May, as well as reaching out to sponsors about the event. They hope to create a sense of community around the event by planning a Zoom for all participants.
* Motion to take ongoing discussion of 5K to committee. Steve Curtis. Carrie Erwin seconded.

*Diversity & Inclusion*

* The D&I Committee has been working on their newsletters, and shared Amanda Gorman’s poem in their latest issue.
* They’d like to talk about how to ensure their newsletters have maximum impact.
* Discussion about the redistricting plan from the BOE and how to discuss this with a D&I perspective.
* Elizabeth Williams said that she feels D&I should be the “umbrella mission” of the PTA.
* Discussion about how to improve storytelling and other D&I initiatives on PTA website.

*Outdoor Committee - Elizabeth Williams and Steve Curtis*

* Moving ahead with outdoor/onsite field trip with Common Ground serving as outdoor educator in the SPG garden.
* The committee learned that they did not get two grants for the garden that they applied for and would like to consider additional funding sources.

*Communications Committee – Cara McDonough and Steve Curtis*

* Repeated that the committee encourages questions from the community and is open to ideas about other webinars and other events.

**Old business**

**New Business**

*Reading Challenge – Elizabeth Williams*

* Has a committee of parents and teachers who have been incredibly helpful in planning.
* Want this to be an event that parents can get involved with and have it become a community-building initiative.

*Yearbook Committee*

* The PTA is looking to form a yearbook committee, encourages members to reach out if interested.

**Good of the order**

**Announcement of next meeting –** Thursday, March 18, 2021.

**Request motion to adjourn –** Elizabeth Williams. Steve Curtis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Cara McDonough, Secretary*