

Report No. 1



**Scott Elementary PTA**  
6700 NE Prescott Ave, PDX

## GENERAL PTA MEETING MINUTES

Date	October 11, 2017
Location	SCOTT SCHOOL LIBRARY
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### ATTENDEES:

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Scott School Parents	

**Meeting commenced at approximately 6:10pm**

### Introduction

Jenny did introductions of new parents, and which grades of kids were represented at the meeting.

### Scott School Basketball

Ken Lee, basketball program director, presented.

- Hot shots basketball jerseys are new for girls, and are reversible!
- Biggest need for continuing programs is coaches.
- Uniforms and Hooded sweatshirts have typically been provided.
- Regular season is 8 games, plus a jamboree event, tournament, pizza party, team photo, trophy.
- Possible financial support for girls special event. \$25/seat for the girls to play a 15-minute scrimmage on the floor at the Moda Center before a Blazers game. Details forthcoming.
- Cost for basketball program: \$20/child (same as 1991). We now have sponsors, including PTA. Stanich's. Roseway Barber. Gartner's. Others. Ken encouraged patronizing these businesses.
- "Big Dream": Boys and girls teams at each grade level. However, interest is not quite there yet.
- Practices start November 5th, permits start November 1st.
- 2 practices/week for about an hour each.

### Visioning Session with Daneen

Daneen organized our notes from the first PTA meeting/potluck into a series of categorized points. She handed around several copies, and the group discussed.

- 4-5 years ago we started holding community priority meetings where we discussed what was important to us as a Community. Over 100 people from the school came out to participate.
- Takeaways - most of the priorities are the same as they were 5 years ago. Things change, but our values have stayed generally the same.
  - Strong immersion program
  - Safety
  - Robust middle school with options
  - Daneen categorized notes from our last meeting

- Playground
- District and larger community
- Community facilities
- Curriculum/staffing
- Communication
- We broke into small groups and discussed what was important to us from the previous meeting.
  - Group 1
    - Playground committee. We need leadership to make it happen.
    - How to make sure everyone in school has input?
      - Poll put into backpacks to solicit opinions from the greater Scott Community. That way we have a better sense of whether these priorities match the Community's
    - Kindergarten parents are untapped resource
      - Work with Gina/Kindergarten welcoming committee. Welcoming. Informing.
  - Group 2
    - Library needs more Spanish books. Library does not reflect the population of the school.
    - Scholastic might be a good way to enhance this. Needs partnerships with teachers.
    - **Stephanie, Elizabeth, Julie, Kristen** are interested in helping out with this.
    - Rotating deadlines for orders by grade.
    - Can we open an account through the PTA that would allow us to distribute books throughout the school?
  - Group 3
    - Playground issues. Slide is broken.
    - Need to write a letter to the Board to get our slide fixed?
    - Depave/containers/shade for portions of building.
    - To get the ball rolling, we will need a playground or "school environment" committee to organize and address options and ideas.
    - What are other community groups doing to address gentrification of the neighborhood? Brief discussion about whether or not we should be more involved with this as a PTA, but no conclusions were reached.
  - Group 4
    - Increasing neighborhood catchment is a priority.
    - We have a marketing problem that keeps people from wanting their kids to come to this school.
    - How do we get PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY off the Google search results?
    - How do we change the search results?
    - **ACTION ITEM: Everyone agrees to put more information online on Greatschools and Yelp about what a great community Scott School is.**
    - Gina is developing an information night about Scott and why families should come here.
    - This needs to develop into a list of talking points that the school can publish.
    - **GINA** can help us out with accurate data. Who will help us develop the talking points that we can get out to others to include in their online reviews/posts?

### **Boundary Discussion Update**

- Participating in boundary discussion meetings has already started to positively shape public opinion of Scott.

- October 18th proposal to superintendent, Board votes on 24th-ish.
- Latest proposal has closing/moving of ACCESS programs. Very bad for some members of community. A lot of unknowns remain.
- Principals for middle schools have been hired, have been working since summer.

### **Volunteer Update with Kristen**

- We need someone to lead and organize family movie nights.
  - Getting volunteers
  - Contact Dawn for media setup
  - Food donations, money from PTA
  - Advertising backpack flyers, Facebook, etc.
  - Robin and Stephanie might be able to help train someone
  - Very easy, just requires a little bit of legwork up-front. Usually no problem finding volunteers.
- Restaurant Nights
  - Hotlips in November
  - Need a volunteer to reach out to restaurants.
  - Good for someone who is good with people.
  - PTA has a form letter.
  - Food cart 75th and Sandy was floated as another place to possibly work with
- Kermes
  - Kermes will not happen this year without a volunteer to lead it.
  - CNN grant is written, fit it for this year, needs to be in by NOVEMBER 5th. This will get you another \$2,500 to spend
  - PTA puts in \$1000
  - Fundraiser or community event?
  - We have all the contacts for performances, food, volunteers, etc.
  - Good position for a person who is well organized.
  - Maybe we need to make sure and be very specific about what the jobs are that need to be done.

### **Ben - Teacher's Contract**

- Teachers still don't have a contract.
- This is essential to ensure that we have the support we need for the kids.
- Ben has information about the script that you can use for phone calls or letters to help support our teachers in this regard.

### **Ben - Career Fair**

- February 23rd/Friday
- Ms. Ruan has started recruiting people.
- If anyone knows of people who would be willing to share their careers with the kids, they are looking for volunteers.

**Next Meeting:** November 15. 6pm-6:30pm **Media Blast!** Chromebooks will be set up for us to post reviews of Scott to Greatschools, Yelp, and other websites. 6:30pm-8pm Clothing Drive - See Kristen Fletcher Hoffman to volunteer.

The minutes were prepared by Erik Lawrence. Please let us know if there are any changes that need to be made to the notes.