

**Stillwater Elementary PTSA**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**March 10, 2011**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

**Attendance**

See the attached attendance sign in sheet.

**Old Business**

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes

The September General Meeting Minutes were distributed and reviewed. There are no changes needed at this time.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and reviewed. There are no changes needed at this time.

**New Business**

Executive Board Vote

The nominating committee report was read aloud. The nominating committee places the following names in nomination:

**For Office of President: Laura Tisdale and Jennifer Fisher serving  
as co-presidents**

**For Office of Vice President: Heather Downing**

**For Office of Treasurer: Kelli Altmeyer**

**For Office of Secretary: Kristen Federico**

Laura Tisdale asked for other nominations from the floor for each of the positions. No other nominations were offered. Each person nominated spoke briefly. A quorum was present. Ballots were distributed and a vote taken. After votes were counted, Laura Tisdale announced that there were 23 votes for each candidate with no negatives.

### Council Vote

Handouts were distributed detailing what a council is, what it will cost, and what steps need to be taken to become a council. Also distributed were Riverview PTSA Steering Committee Council Recommendations. Heather Gillette was introduced as the Region 2 Director. She spoke briefly about the pros and cons of having a council. Questions were asked and answered. Pam Deming made a motion that Stillwater PTSA vote to form a council for Riverview School District PTAs. It was seconded. Discussion ensued. Ballots were distributed and a vote taken. After votes were counted, Laura Tisdale announced that there were 15 votes “yes” and 7 votes “no”. Since Stillwater Elementary was the deciding vote, the Riverview School District will form a council. A charter meeting and election of officers will take place soon.

### Proposed Change to Standing Rules

A memo was distributed explaining a proposed change to the Stillwater PTSA Standing Rules. Crystal Hill-Pennington made a motion to amend the standing rules to include a new rule to read,

**“The Committee Chairpersons of the Board shall be authorized to exceed their total budget expenses by an amount not to exceed \$50.00 in a fiscal year. Any overage shall be submitted to the treasurer with a description and explanation of the overage, and the Board shall be notified of the overage at the next regular board meeting with an explanation for inclusion in the minutes of that meeting.”**

It was seconded. Discussion ensued. Crystal withdrew her original motion. Crystal made a motion to amend the standing rules to include a new rule to read,

**“The committee Chairpersons of the Board shall be authorized to exceed their total budget expenses by an amount not to exceed \$50.00 in a fiscal year without board approval. Any overage shall be submitted to the treasurer with a description and explanation of the overage, and the Board shall be notified of the overage at the next regular board meeting with an explanation for inclusion in the minutes of that meeting.”**

It was seconded. The motion passed.

### Recess Buddies

Sue Davenport presented. A new program called Recess Buddies begins tomorrow. Dads will come in on full-day Fridays and facilitate activities with the kids at recess. New equipment has been purchased for this program.

### Math Night

Pamela Parks presented. Math Night will be March 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM @ Stillwater. This event will help kids make real-world connections to mathematics and generate fun and enthusiasm for math games and activities. Teachers will answer questions about Stillwater’s new math curriculum, show off some electronic and literary resources, and familiarize families with the Washington state performance expectations for math.

### Membership Award

Stillwater PTSA has received a Gold Membership Award. We were given this award because we increased our membership by 10% from last year. Thanks to Lisa Labossiere for her hard work on Membership.

### PTSA Awards

Stillwater kindergarten student Korey Lane won 3<sup>rd</sup> place and received an Award of Merit from the Washington State PTA for Literature in the state Reflections contest.

Serene Norris reported that the Stillwater PTSA applied for 4 grants. We have been awarded \$500 to help fund our new greenhouse. We have also been awarded the Applegate Grant. How funds from this grant will be used is still to be determined.

#### Open Board and Committee Positions for next year

Laura Tisdale announced board positions open for next year. They include the Legislative Advocacy Chair, the Social Chair, the Health Safety and Wellness Chair, the Community Outreach and Advocacy Chair, and the Fundraising Chair. Please see Laura Tisdale or Jennifer Fisher if you are interested in serving in these positions.

#### 2011 PTSA Spring Surveys

Surveys were sent in kid mail asking parents to nominate people for the Outstanding Educator, Heart of the Hawk, and Outstanding Advocate Awards. These awards will be given at the end of the school year.

#### Financial Review Changes

The last Financial Review took place in February. Several problems were noted. Steps are being taken to make the necessary changes.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

The next General Membership Meeting will be on May 19 @ 7 PM in the LRC.