

PORTOLA HIGHLY GIFTED MAGNET
Magnet Parents Association
Board Meeting
Monday November 13, 2017, 6 pm
Portola Middle School library

MINUTES

PRESENT: Allison Ceppi, Uzma Nagra, Llyswen Franks, Ali Ghasemi, Mrs. Perry, Stephanie Fenig, David Ring

• **CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS**

- At 6:12pm Board President Alison Ceppi called the meeting to order
- Allison Ceppi welcomed the board members.

• **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion: to approve the agenda as circulated

Motion By: Allison Ceppi

Seconded By: Llyswen Franks

Action: All present voted in favor of approval

• **APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES**

Motion: to approve the last meeting minutes

Motion By: Uzma Nagra

Seconded By: Ali Ghasemi

Action: All present voted in favor of approval

• **ITEM # 1 DISCUSSED**

- Due to the absence of Treasurer Crystal Kaza, no budget report was presented and no financial decision was made.
- Board was informed that currently MPA is at \$37,875 for the annual fund and need to find more resources to increase the fund raising.
- Board discussed different ideas for fundraising like more student activities as fund raiser. Stephanie will work with other parent volunteer to arrange some student activities to have fun and fundraising at the same time like, bowling, laser tag.

- Allison will contact Steve to make possible a joint effort of Steve and Ali on fund raising strategies.

- **ITEM #2 DISCUSSED**
 - Board reviewed the feedback regarding overnight field trips.
 - On the basis of experience, board decided to book the same overnight field trips for next year 6th & 7th grade (CIMI & AstroCamp)
 - It was decided that Allison will look into other options for 8th grade overnight field trip as WOLF Camp trip had mix reviews and was not a very great experience for students.

- **ITEM #3 DISCUSSED**
 - Board received the quotes for chrome books (for technology upgrade in classrooms).
 - At the current level of fundraising, we will not be able to pay for Chromebooks.
 - Board decided to find different resources like big corporations, companies or other grants to improve the technology in classrooms.
 - Allison will try to contact Samsung and if there will be any possibility, David will help to write the grants.
 - David suggested to share the curriculum of our programs with these funding resources to convince them to achieve our goals by updating technology in classroom.

- **ITEM #4 DISCUSSED**
 - Board discussed and decided that MPA's email address should change from info@portolamagnet.com to mpa@portolahighlygifted.org.
 - Still need to find the way to change the website address of MPA.

- **ITEM #5 DISCUSSED**
 - Board approved the reimbursement to the teacher for class room expenses.
 - Ms. Perry will send the final update for reimbursement.

- **ITEM#6 DISCUSSED**

- Board was informed about the upcoming parent's workshops,
- December 11-MUN
- January 22- planning for college (Cornell Admissions Director)

- **Adjournment**

Allison Ceppi adjourned the meeting at 7 pm.