

Academie Da Vinci

PTSA General Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 9th, 2019

Introduction & Welcome

Carrie Sammel, PTSA Vice President

- 6:30pm Carrie welcomed everyone.
- Shannon Evans, Hospitality Chair presented Sonny's as the food sponsor. They donated all of our food for free. On May 16th they have a sandwich with side special for \$5.99. Go and tell them ADV sent you! Dreamers Dance Company sponsored child care with a Hip Hop Class. They have summer camp & summer classes.

Membership Report

Jessica Tiso, Membership Chair

- National PTA increasing dues so next year they will be \$10/member & \$15/business. We will be managing sign ups through Membership Hub online and you will have digital membership cards.

Carrie Sammel, PTSA Vice President

- We may sponsor student memberships next year and we are working on strategies and solutions to get more student attendance at meetings. Next year we may change to a PTO from PTSA as well.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Joyce, Treasurer

- We typically vote on how to spend funds at the last meeting of the year, however, it is best practice to keep a reserve to roll over to next year of around \$3,000 and that is approximately what we have on account. Additionally, we have an outlay at the beginning of the year for the fall fundraiser so there aren't any monies to vote on ways they should be appropriated and spent.

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- We did however have 2 items that were approved by the board for voting at general.

-Max & Ruby: 2 dogs and now a puppy (toy poodle-Hope) have been coming to the school enriching the classrooms and student experience for 2 years now and we wanted to give a donation so they will return next year. It was decided we will be taking donations at the Spring show for this cause to present.

-Storage rental for PTSA until the storage shed is installed because many members of the PTSA are graciously storing PTSA and school materials in their own homes. We will address this in next years budget.

Heidi Olson, Student Parent

☐ Ms. Olson raised a concern about a potential mold or mildew issue in the dance room that she would like investigated and addressed. Ms. Morgan, School Principal advised this was already looked into and addressed and that there is not a mold or mildew issue in the dance room. Ms. Morgan is going to have another check/inspection performed and provide a report to anyone who wishes to see it.

☐ Voted on approving the storage shed. Andie Rice-Tanner motioned. Shannon Evans second. Approved.

General Meeting

Carrie Sammel, PTSA Vice President

- ☐ Jesse Relkin Reflections Chair Report given by Carrie Sammel, PTSA VP: Congratulations to Brian Huang and Sydney Tingling for their National Achievement and being selected as winners for the 2018-2019 National PTA Reflections Program.
- ☐ Voting for PTSA Board & Chair Positions: All 4 Board Positions Available. Andie Rice-Tanner nominated Barbara Joyce for Treasurer. Morgan DiGiorgio Second. Approved.
- ☐ Morgan DiGiorgio nominated Jessica Tiso for Secretary. Carrie Sammel Second. Approved. Morgan DiGiorgio volunteered as Membership Chair.
- ☐ Carrie Sammel nominated Andie Rice-Tanner for Vice President. Angie Randall second. Approved. Andie Rice Tanner nominated Carrie Sammel for President. Brittany Schoebel second. Approved.
- ☐ Brooke Hogle volunteered for Communications Chair. Julie Effron volunteered for Yearbook Chair. (Wendy Staziano advised that Katie Pacna has old cameras that she donated that could be used by the students to take pictures for yearbook.) We may start a yearbook committee with students. Richey Koster volunteered for Websire Chair.

Principal's Report

Michele Morgan, Academie Da Vinci School Principal

- ☐ Sound system Phase II completed: Lavalier Mic System will be arriving Wednesday. We will have our own mics and use Countryside High School mics for shows.
- ☐ Teacher's Appreciation Week: THANK YOU to all of the volunteers for making all of the teachers feel special, volunteering for car line and lunch duty and putting together all of the gifts. Special thank you to Danica Hunter for the entire week!

- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast: May 21st from 8:45-10am
- Teamwork & Collaboration: The school will be focusing on collaborating and working together to build up the school and contribute to the community while supporting all students.

-Colleague to Colleague
-Teacher to Student
-Teacher to Family
-Student to Student
-Family to Family

- Getting our second floor in the dance room this room. K-3 specials will all be in the south building. 4-8 in the north building. Ms. Staziano will have a larger room for the art students.
- There will be a lot of projects going on at the school this summer and we will need volunteers (painting, projects, etc.) Requests will go out and these volunteer opportunities will count towards your required volunteer hours.

Upcoming Dates

Carrie Sammel, PTSA Vice President

- Upcoming Dates:
 - May 15: K-3 Spring Show
 - May 16: 4-8 Spring Show
 - May 20: Willie Wonka Musical
 - May 21 8:45 - 10: Volunteer breakfast
 - May 29: LAST DAY of SCHOOL (1/2 day) & 5th Grade Graduation at Community Center

PTA vs. PTO

Heather Tining, Newsletter Chair

- There has been discussion about if a PTA is the right fit for our school. While PTA has many benefits, such as PTA reflections, training opportunities, membership discounts, and political involvement, it also has rigorous rules that can be challenging to follow. Many schools have decided to change their PTA to their own run PTO (or PVO). This would be our own organization that we can structure and utilize how we feel best fits ADV.

- Carrie Sammel, PTSA Vice President:** Next school year we will decide what the best choice is for our school. Please do some research and come with your questions and opinions next year.

Welcome Back Fair

Andie Rice-Tanner, PTSA Communications Chair

- There will be a welcome back fair on August 2nd from 5pm-7:30pm. We will have a Membership table and tables for all school programs. We will also be utilizing our mentorship program. If you are interested in being a mentor family, please sign up with Joshua Black.

Meeting Adjourned 7:37pm

President Approval **Date**

Secretary Approval **Date**