



Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)
General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2017

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Loshek, Shannon Voerster, JoAnna Collins, Misty Nickle,
Marissa Genereux, Karri Norris, Sharon Deziel

Additional Members/Attendees: 10

Standing Items:

1. Meeting called to order by Shannon Voerster at 4:35 p.m.
2. Five Minutes of Fun “Most Embarrassing Parent Moment” by Laura Loshek
3. Approval of the September Meeting Minutes by Sharon Deziel
 - A. Motion to approve minutes by Misty Nickle, seconded by Shannon Voerster - motion passed
4. Referendum Presentation by Mike Johnson, Assistant Superintendent
 - A. Presented short video introducing upcoming voting referendums on November 7; explained how the district is financed; voters need to make their own educated decisions on these questions
 - B. Discussion over the three referendum questions:
 - i. **Q1 Operating Levy Renewal of \$780.72** does not involve tax increase; if this does not pass there may be an increase in class sizes
 - ii. **Q2 Additional \$375/Pupil for 10 Years** to restore general fund balance to meet school board policy; ability to pass means a much better rate for bonds (for construction projects); would help maintain class sizes at elementary level, cover special education and pre-K costs; if this does not pass reductions will be made over the next two years
 - iii. **Q3 Ten-year \$2M Annual Capital Projects Levy**; focuses on technology in advancing educational software and modernizing aging devices; supports programs such as Infinite Campus, and licensing software such as SeeSaw; would provide wireless access points and connectivity; 30% toward technology staffing support
5. Principal’s Report by Laura Loshek
 - A. Conferences coming up: grades K-2 have implemented a Standards-Based Progress Report Grading using state standards in benchmarks. Slide presented demonstrates a 1-4 grading scale that does not correlate to a traditional letter grade system. 1= starting progress, 2=even more progress, 3=benchmark, 4=exceeding grade level. Common at beginning of year to see 1-2’s, goal to achieve 3 by year-end. Gifted/Talented Program also uses MAP testing for math/reading and other assessments to identify candidates. Teachers are still learning the new system. Feedback positive on focusing on a student’s progress towards goals.
6. Volunteer Coordinator’s Report by Karri Norris & Marissa Genereux
 - A. Hoping to divide shifts so parents can participate with student(s) at least part of the evening; volunteer positions posted on Sign-Up Genius
7. Treasurer’s Report/Budget Approval by Misty Nickle
 - A. Discussion contingency fund requests are typically over \$500
 - B. Motion to approve budget by Karri Norris, seconded by Bobbie Grummons, - motion passed

New Business/Updates:

1. Harvest Hop update by Shannon Voerster
 - A. Tickets are available through Eventbrite at <https://harvesthop.eventbrite.com> for \$4.00 or at the door; there will be four food trucks plus smaller concessions; a movie in the multi-purpose room, new this year - a costume contest with seven small prizes at 7:00 p.m., please have family-friendly costumes
 - B. Future consideration for a sales % back to PTA from participating food truck vendors
2. Conference Dinners by Bobbie Grummons/Karyn Ekelin, coordinators
 - A. Teachers will order their selection (contracted with Nutrition Services) to be conveniently delivered to their classrooms; include a whole fruit to save/eat later and uplifting quotes for staff. Thank-you to our coordinators!!
3. Culver's Nights by Misty Nickle
 - A. Reserved for Monday nights in Oct., Nov., Feb., April; may need some volunteers Mon., 10/16 from 5-7 p.m.
 - B. If sales are over 1K we will get 10% back, if under 5%; all sales included – no flyer necessary
 - C. Student council may help out; highest class attendance gets a class prize
4. Fundraiser Committee by Sharon Deziel, sponsorship coordinator
 - A. Seeking to grow the team for ThunderDash "Fun Run" fundraiser, additional positions are open on Sign-up Genius, sponsorship kits are being worked on and will be available in print and electronic formats
5. Box Tops
 - A. Suggestion by Heather Durand for classroom collection containers

Open Forum

1. Mrs. Loshek is soliciting ideas for topics you would like to learn about – sign-up on sheet or get in contact with her

Meeting adjourned 5:32 p.m.

***** Next Meeting November 14 at 4:30 p.m. *****

Handouts:

October Meeting Agenda, September Meeting Minutes Draft, PTA Proposed Budget 2017/2018, "Step by Step" Nov. 7, 2017 Election Brochure

Grey Cloud Elementary PTA

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Standing Items:

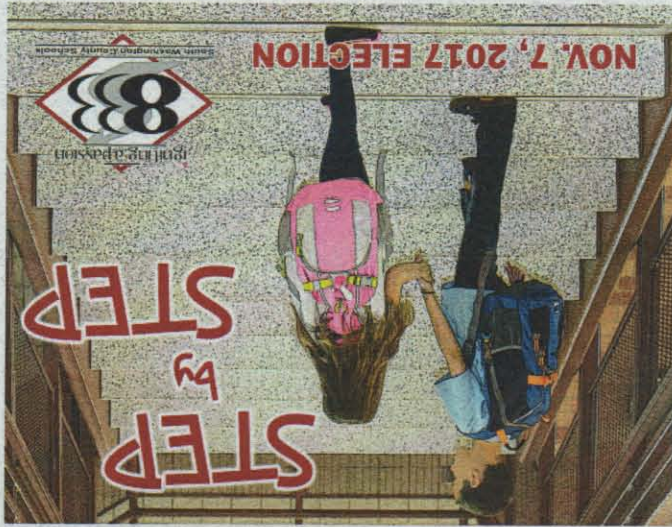
1. President's Call to Order
2. Five Minutes of Fun- "# Most Embarrassing Parent Moment "
3. Approval of the September Meeting Minutes
4. Referendum Presentation
5. Principal's Report
6. Volunteer Coordinator's Report
7. Treasurer's Report/ Budget Approval

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1. Harvest Hop
2. Conference Dinners
3. Culvers
4. Fundraiser Committee
4. BoxTop Contest

Questions:

What do you want to learn more about?



Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7

You can vote in the following ways:

1. Vote Early In Person
at a County Service Center
2. Mailing in an Absentee Ballot
3. Vote on Tues., Nov. 7
at your local polling place

Join us online!

- FAQs
- Informational Videos
- Tax Calculator
- Voting Information



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Want More Tax Information?

Property Value	Q1 Renewal	Q2 Add'l \$2M for Tech	Q3 Annual Impact	Total Monthly Impact
\$500,000	-\$23/Year	\$370/Year	\$97/Year	\$444
\$350,000	-\$16/Year	\$259/Year	\$67/Year	\$310
\$250,000	-\$12/Year	\$185/Year	\$46/Year	\$219
\$150,000	-\$7/Year	\$111/Year	\$25/Year	\$129
				\$10.75
				\$18.25
				\$25.83
				\$37.00

See exactly how your taxes could be impacted with our Tax Calculator on SoWashCo.org/Election2017.

Tax Impact of Approving All Three Questions

Q1 Operating Levy Renewal of \$780.72/Pupil

Renewal of the levy would allow South Washington County Schools to maintain the current level of high quality educational services, ensure operating funds are in place to continue maintenance and programming for all schools, and maintain effective class sizes for a positive learning environment.

This referendum has been in place for 20 years and would result in no tax increase.

Without the passage of question one, the district would have \$15 million in budget adjustments.

Q2 Additional \$375/Pupil for 10 Years

Approval of question two would increase the general fund of the district by \$7.5 million, supporting the financial health of the district.

The priorities for the additional funding include restoring the general fund balance to align with school board policy, maintaining educational programs and opportunities, and training and supporting high quality staff.

If question two fails, South Washington County Schools would face as much as \$8 million in budget reductions over the next two years. Potential cuts could impact class sizes, program offerings, athletics and activities.

Q3 Ten-year \$2M Annual Capital Projects Levy

Approval of question three would support learning needs through technological advancements in educational software and modernize aging devices.

It would approve a \$2 million levy annually for the next 10 years.

Without the additional funding through the levy, the general fund would have to offset costs. These items are the cost of providing technology to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's learners through modern and reliable technology.

PTA Budget 2017-2018 - Proposed - 2018

7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018 Using PTA 2017-2018

10/10/2017

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Category	7/1/2017 Actual	- Budget	6/30/2018 Difference
EXPENSES			
5th Grade Recognition	0.00	350.00	350.00
Art Department	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Bank Charge	99.00	200.00	101.00
Classroom Periodicals-CoreClicks-SW Lic	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Comm. Folder and Planner Price Reductio	-1,795.42	2,200.00	3,995.42
Conference Dinner	0.00	750.00	750.00
Contingency Fund	0.00	18,059.00	18,059.00
Crossing Guards Expense	0.00	400.00	400.00
Field Trip Transportation	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance	179.00	179.00	0.00
Kindergarten Playdate	10.70	50.00	39.30
Lyceum	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Math Masters	0.00	170.00	170.00
Media Center	0.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
Music Department	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Open House	299.50	300.00	0.50
Operational Expenses	91.47	1,000.00	908.53
Physical Education Dept.	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Principal Fund	214.48	800.00	585.52
Printing (Copying)	0.00	100.00	100.00
Project GO	0.00	300.00	300.00
Reading Specialist Expense	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Scholarship	0.00	150.00	150.00
Special Education	0.00	500.00	500.00
Staff & Volunteer Appreciation	0.00	600.00	600.00
Staff Funding	824.47	7,767.00	6,942.53
Star Student	0.00	500.00	500.00
Starlab Substitutes	0.00	725.00	725.00
Student Recognition	0.00	325.00	325.00
Tax	500.00	500.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	423.20	56,625.00	56,201.80
OVERALL TOTAL	-423.20	-56,625.00	56,201.80