

**Armatage Montessori School
PTA Membership Meeting Minutes
3/8/2018**

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order on 3/8/2018 at 6:00 pm in the Armatage Media Center by PTA President Scott MacLachlan.

Attendees:

Joan Franks, Paul Scanlon, Jackie Olson, Janelle Kuntz, Scott Staab, Katie Giedt, Ryan Antkowiak, Gaurav Singh, Aisha Goodman, Brenda Raney, Kai Gudmestad, Diana Carroll-Almen, Meghan Eliason, Rachel Wendorf, Erin Hester, Nicole Tremble, Andrea Siegel

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the 2/8/2018 meeting: Kai Gudmestad made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Staab seconded the motion, members unanimously approved.

Officers' Reports:

Vice President (Ryan Antkowiak):

Welcome extended to attendees and ongoing participation encouraged.

Treasurer's Report / Budget Update (Jackie Olson/Scott Staab):

- *Discussed the recent budget and financials.*

Volunteering Update (Janelle Kuntz):

- *All of the leadership positions for PTA events are filled for the year.*
- *Discussed Carnival date change, looking for a few carnival sub-chairs.*

Principal's Report (Joan Franks):

- *Construction Update:*
 - o *Hope to have lunch room open by mid-May.*
 - o *Next year, Armatage will have 4 onsite cooks and a salad bar.*
 - o *School is getting all new furniture, which is coming from bond money, not directly from the school budget.*
- *Budget updates: Discussed \$108k shortfall at Armatage.*
 - o *Recommendation approved by PTA and Site Council to eliminate the media position given that media standards are worked into the literacy curriculum and there are electronic devices and computers available in class rooms. Also, the other optional staff positions are critical, e.g., assistant educators, the health office, etc.*
 - o *The library will be staffed and teachers and their classes can still use the media center to check out books.*
 - o *Joan intends to tie out the budget without allocating any money for supplies or copies and hopes to make up this shortfall with the school's 502(4) account and money from the Achieve account (Fundraising for Foster money goes into the Achieve account).*
- *Safety & Security Update*
 - o *The SET team met to discuss school safety and lessons from personal experience. The teachers will have a fall workshop and meet 1x/month to discuss safety.*
 - o *During the last Code Red drill, it took 6-7 seconds to empty the hallways.*

- *With the construction, there will be outdoor speakers for announcements.*
- *The Arms Around Armatage event won't mention the "why" to the children.*
- *Thank you to the PTA for donuts and coffee for staff.*

Fundraising for Foster:

- Janelle Kuntz, Katie Giedt and Kai Gudmestad gave updates about the event and the subsequent auction.
 - The event is on Friday, March 16 at the Richfield Legion and will include food, drinks, games and raffle items.
 - The auction will be held the following week, starting Monday, March 19, and include grade level prizes for dollars raised.

New Business

- *There was a cyber security/safety speaker following the PTA meeting.*

Close of Meeting:

- *Katie Giedt moved to close the meeting. Kai Gudmestad seconded, and members unanimously approved.*

Next PTA Meeting:

- **Thursday, April 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm** in the Armatage Media Center