

Renaissance School PTSA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
October 25, 2022 7:00-8:30PM
Conducted virtually via video chat app
Minutes

Attendees:

Sumitha Reddy (Co-President)	Gianugo Rabellino
Wei Feng (Co-President)	Fred Qian
Irina Fedorova (Treasurer)	Sharon Mason
Mitchell Almaguer-Bay (Secretary)	Amy Verrall
Sabrina Miller (Volunteer Coordinator)	Emily Brown
Martha Daman (RSAR Teacher)	Stepan Novikov
Todd Apple (Eastlake and RSAR Principal)	Yuki Omori
Randy Neish (YES Counselor)	Pamela Almaguer-Bay
Megan Selitrennikoff (acting Co-VP)	Niboru Kuno
Kate Thibodeau (acting Co-VP)	Beko (no other name recorded)
Angela Khosa-Manangwanda (Membership Coordinator)	Jameson (no other name recorded) Erin Zipfel (non-member)

Welcome and meeting opened by Co-President Wei. Self-Introduction of board members.

REPORTS and SPEAKERS

Secretary

Confirmation of member status sought via Chat function; determination made that Quorum is achieved (Secretary Mitchell) having exceeded 10 members present. Martha moved to approve minutes from May General Membership Meeting (document was made available on PTSA site), motion seconded by Sabrina. Verbal vote seeking approval (via voice, “hand raised” function, or “aye” in Chat function); all affirmative votes, no objections raised, thus motion approved.

Principal

Principal Todd Apple spoke, including discussion of RSAR staffing levels (e.g., office manager, SE teacher, social worker) and broader support available via Eastlake staff (e.g., admin office, truancy officer, etc.). Gave brief description of his background and experience. Summarized how school budgets calculated by LWSD, anticipates knowing actual budget in week or two.

Guest Speaker

Randy Neish, the in-school counselor with Youth Eastside Services, presented several slides providing background on YES, his role in the school, how students are referred for support, and that he is half-time with RSAR and Redmond MS.

Treasurer

Irina gave brief summary of last month's treasurer report with current financial standing. (Cash reserves at approx. \$47k, largely due to approximately \$8k in family contributions raised so far for 2022-2023 school year.) Mitchell noted that Budget is based on anticipated \$11.5k in family contributions—most received in September and October—and another anticipated \$5k in corporate matching funds. Thus, currently only about half of families have made the requested minimum contribution. Discussed the history of RSAR as choice school, and its dependence on volunteer hours (or dollar equivalent) and family contributions, by design. Mitchell then presented the proposed amended budget, going through the most important changes to individual line-items. (Budget was made available to participants on the PTSA website and included with minutes as addendum. *See attached copy.*) Notable changes included; decrease in budgets for 8th grade celebration, legacy project, and Promotion ceremony (reduced from total \$2700 to \$800); decrease of \$700 in Hospitality/Social budget, decr in Staff Appreciation and Scholarship Basket budgets (seeking in-kind donations instead), increases in Storage, and Performance Dinners (due to higher costs), and NatureBridge Camp (huge increase in charter bus costs); decr in general Academic Enrichment bucket (allocations to be made under specific grants or line items), increase of \$2,025 in budget for Writers In The Schools program (sharing \$6,050 cost with RSAR), and decrease in contingency Unanticipated Expenses line item.

At conclusion of presentation of proposed budget revisions, questions were taken, then Sabrina moved to accept amended budget as proposed, seconded by Amy. Voting (method as above) was all in the affirmative, no objections or dissenting votes, thus motion approved.

President's Report

Co-President Wei offered the nomination of two new Co-Vice Presidents, Megan Selitrennikoff and Kate Thibodeau. After short self-introductions, Sabrina moved to vote for new Co-VPs, seconded by Emily. Motion approved by membership. Co-President Sumitha showed slides summarizing recent PTSA activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Skipped Art update due to time. Sabrina gave volunteer needs summary (chaperones sought for quiet lunch room, camp chaperones being set), discussed plan for self-reporting of volunteer hours.

A question was raised about D&D club (put to Stepan). Martha responded with a description of how RSAR clubs work: that a faculty member is assigned, that a room and time are made available, and a parent volunteer agrees to supervise the club.

The clubs are to be open to any interested students. She noted need for volunteer to supervise Jr. Thespians on Wednesdays and Environmental club on Thursdays.

Martha will provide information about camp before end of the week, including instructions for camp chaperones, final packing list/tips, etc.

Meeting adjourned by Co-President Wei.