

MINUTES

La Salle Language Academy PTA Minutes

March 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Percy Wang at 6:09 pm.

In attendance

Open to all PTA

Minutes Approval

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

President's Report – Percy Wang

1. Grants have been approved for
 - Cabinets in Mr. Ringo's room
 - Camp Edwards expenses for Ms Fister
 - Books for Madame Veitch

Vice President's Report – Jon Hick's

1. By Law's

Mr. Hick's thanked members for their hard work putting together these new By-Law's for the FOL. We will need 2/3 approval in May to pass these proposed By-Law's. Mr. Hick's then proceeded to summarize the key points as follows:

- They are FOL by law's alone. The FOL's intention is stated to raise funds for the school.
- Membership dues will no longer be collected, and is open to all parents, guardians, teachers and staff.
- Candidates will be elected by the membership. Board positions will be staggered terms.

Mr. Hick's fielded questions from the attendee's regarding the FOL. There was a point of concern raised by the teachers that they want to confirm they continue to have voting rights.

2. Current Treasurer Mrs Cattan is finishing her term and we are looking for candidates. We hope to vote to fill this vacant seat in May. The attendees were urged to submit names of any interested parties.

Vice President's Report – Karla Standish

160 attendee's signed up for the auction and the catalog is almost ready. The paddle raise has been decided as a way to raise funds for new desks and chairs.

Treasure's Report & Budget

The 2014 budget was distributed and reviewed.

We switched accountants and saved over \$3000.00.

Taxes were filed.

Committee Reports

- **Fine Arts:** Finished up a successful Improv residency. Have also recently sponsored a fifth grade photography workshop and 6th grade comic book workshop.
- **Buildings & Grounds:** CPR training was hosted with 10 people on March 12, with another planned in May for 40 people. Nut Free posters have been hung. They are looking for suggestions on snow removal. Questions were asked and Mr Hosek explained that CPS is responsible for snow removal when it is over 5 inches, and they pay for it. However, they do not clear the sidewalks around the school.

Ms. Heurtefeu announced that a new service will begin cleaning the school as per CPS contract after spring break. The engineers will also be contracted out by CPS going forward.

Traffic Issues: This was discussed as a problem and frustration for many. The attempts to re-route traffic and change drop-off has not eased congestion. People are frustrated. We need a solution. Ms Miller suggested a group of parent volunteers help in the morning.

- **Community Building:** Sent an update which included a note that Paige Ben Dashan wrote a great article in the recent OTTA newsletter about LLA's arts residency. The issue of traffic at drop off and pick up was presented as an ongoing issue that deserves further attention.
- **Dream Campaign:** This in money that was raised in 2007 for the specific purpose of a new multi-purpose building for LaSalle. The parent community raised \$118,000.00. In 2012 CPS rejected our plan. A list of preliminary ideas was presented. The committee will meet and review submissions and judge ideas on the following:

- Pertains to the original spirit of fine arts
- Fits in the budget
- Benefits as much of the school community as possible

Attendee's suggested & asked

- a) Send out the list with more information to get more feedback and another round of input before finalizing these submissions.
- b) Presenting the ideas with the details flushed out
- c) How will this decision be made? By vote?

Ms Andalcio spoke up and said the teachers are actively discussing this and presenting their suggestions as it relates to fine arts. .

Announcements

The school is in need of a "handyman" for some work.

President Wang encouraged everyone to please use the event sign up technology he has put in place.

Principal Report

Madame Heurtefeu presented her report and shared it with the group in writing (see attached)

Next Meeting

May 8, 2014

Motion to adjourn was made and was passed unanimously.