

Garfield Elementary PTA Meeting March 14, 2016

Present: Kristen Westlund, Brendon Chertok, Pam Yusko, Amy McMahan, Kym Green, Rebecca Cornelius, Matthew Gill, Kylie Phillips, Arlen Speights

Called to Order at 6:35

Approval of Minutes: Amy McMahan moved to approve the minutes of the January 11 meeting; Kylie Philips seconded. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report (Amy McMahan)

- **Gifts to School** budget line could go toward buses for field trips.
- Funds from **Assemblies** line could be moved to **Gifts to School** for above.

Principal's Report (Brendon Chertok)

- Science Expo is Thursday (March 17).
- SBAC testing for 3rd - 5th grades is coming up in late April
- There has been some decline in discipline referrals
- Recent Black Alliance meeting with Police Department: Around 70 attended; started dialogue about diversity; another public meeting will be in May
- 2 - 3 expected vacancies next year, plus some unknowns; incoming class size reduction in K - 2nd grades may affect out-of-area admissions

Teachers' Report (Pam Yusko)

- Volunteers are needed to help clean up the garden beds.
- Food Bank gleaners could help with watering and harvesting in summer

Book Fair (Kristina Ackley)

- Volunteers are needed
- Possibly librarians could take on larger role in future
- It was suggested to give volunteers a free book; decided against

Teacher Appreciation (Kristen Westlund)

- Announcement is on PTA Facebook page

Read-a-Thon (Kylie Phillips)

- Event is underway; Kylie bought some 11 x 17 paper for booklets.
- Announcement of prizes will be at April 1 assembly

Movie Night (Regina Reeves)

- Some trouble finding the Peanuts Movie; a family will buy it and lend it.

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Yearbook (Kylie Phillips)

- Still no images from school district
- Uploading images to publisher before vetting would be a breach of privacy
- Garfield staff can vet images, may they upload the files for PTA?

Pacific Science Center visit (Kylie Philips)

- Event will be May 31
- many volunteers are needed

2016 - 17 PTA Board

- There were sufficient people willing to serve in board positions to have Co-President and Co-Vice Presidents.
- Nominations will be announced after April 18 meeting

Adjourned at 7:30