**Apollo Elementary PTA**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**February 1, 2023**

6:30-6:35pm Call to Order at 6:32pm

6:35-6:45pm Presidents’ Report—Laura Ni & Rachel Hearn

* Election of 2023 nominating committee
  + Andrea MacMillan, Cheryl Singh, and Karla Inostroza to be our 2023 nominating committee. The nominating committee will work together with our board to help us find our next year’s board members which include president, vice president, secretary, treasurers and other non-elective small positions. If you are interested, please let us know by email [nomcomm@apollopta.org](https://wcc.godaddy.com/email?cmd=planlistplan&selectedplan=all&override=1)
  + Everybody voted yes, the nominating committee approved.
* PTA Golden Acorn Awards – Deadline: 3/1/2023
  + If you want to acknowledge somebody for their great volunteer work or teaching, you can fill the nomination form and let us know their wonderful work. Nominations close on 3/1. Form can be found on our website apollopta.org.
* Special Funding Grants To Date since last meeting – Total to date: $3519.89
  + October: Jennifer Butler: $2063.13 for Book room Benchmark Education Decodable Phonics Book sets
  + November: Sydney Hall: $521.76 for PurposeFull CharacterStrong Posters to support Social Emotional learning
  + January: Jennifer Quimbey: $935.00 for diverse books for library.

6:45-6:50pm Treasurers’ Report – Erin Wang

* December 2022 report – No questions regarding the treasurer’s report

6:50-6:55pm Secretary’s Report – Jen Davis

* Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2022
* Laurelle made a motion to approve the minutes, Laure Ni seconded. Minutes has approved.

6:55pm-7:05pm Director Introductions

* Programs – OPEN (Laura)
  + Reflection: One person moved from District level to State level: Nathaniel Lowe-Norris
  + Read at Home: Spring challenge has been sent to home and due on 3/10
  + Math in Action & STEM Fair (4/28)
  + Staff appreciation: Feb. 14 will have a sweet treat staff appreciation for our teachers and staff. The signup genius is available for parents to signup online.
  + Book Fair: 5/15 - 5/19
* Events – Nancy Yeung and Minh Ngu
  + Talent show: registration will be open next week, 2/6. The theme this year is “Our Story”. The talent show will be in-person. We will look for MC and performers. Please email [talentshow@apollopta.org](mailto:talentshow@apollopta.org) for questions. Show date will be 3/31.
  + Multicultural Night: 5/19. The planning is undergoing. Collect the ideas and please reach out to [events@apollopta.org](mailto:events@apollopta.org).
  + Winterfest, thanks for everyone who participated and helped. Try to collect feedback from parents. Fashion show. Stations ideas.
* Fundraising – Sarah Silverman
  + Orange Ruler Fundraiser: 4/18 - 5/2. Fun run: 5/5
    - Look for helpers. More details will come
  + Passive fundraisings
    - MOD $44.28
    - Learning Express $100
    - Snapdoodle $250
    - Mariners Game: June 17th at 1pm; Currently we have 600 seats reserved for students and family - 300 on the lower level and 300 on the upper level (this can and likely will be adjusted based on numbers we are seeing but we were advised to overestimate).  Prices are $10 for lower seat tickets and $20 for upper level tickets (we charge as much as we want to make so likely $15/$25 upcharge to make a profit.
* Communications – Laura Ni, Jennifer Khumalo, and Karla Inostroza
  + Welcome Karla to be the co-chair of social media
* Volunteers – OPEN (Laura)
  + If you are interested in helping us to make our school and education stronger, please join our PTA board next year. We need a lot of help.
  + Please get ISD volunteer system approved first to be able to volunteer for PTA and in class volunteers.

7:05-7:15pm Standing Committee Introductions

* ISF – Michelle Kauffman
  + ISF NEM (Nourish Each Mind) in person luncheon is back this year. Thursday, 4/27 12pm-1pm at Issaquah Community Center. This year ISF will focus on Student Showcase, please save the date and join to learn more about what ISF do and support our district. If you are interested in attending this luncheon, please email isf@apollopta.org.
* Membership – Jennifer Khumalo & Julie Chang
  + Prizes for membership drawing have been given.
  + 311 members
* Art Docent – Laurelle Graves
  + We are having Clay and Glaze
* Family & Community Engagement (FACE) – Aletta Collins
  + Kinder/MERLIN school tour and Summer Playdates
  + Julie will be helping out MERLIN connect/playdates
* Outreach – Yomn Osman and Lisa Lee
  + Classroom snacks – 2 rounds of classroom delivery, thanks for parents’ donation.
  + Power packs, every other week, still going on great.
  + Food Drive, on second week of February will work on it.
* Parent Ed/Parent Wiser—Laurelle Graves
  + 2/6 7pm: Raising Humans in a Digital World
  + Visit parentwiser.org to register the event
* Teacher Liaison – Jen Davis
* Special Needs – Jennifer Khumalo & Andrea McMillan
  + Nothing new to report
* Safety – Laurelle Graves
  + No updates

7:15-7:45pm Rocket Report & Guest Speaker—Principal Harris

* Rocket report
  + First In-person assembly got to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. after 3 years. Kids learned what to expect during assembly because they haven’t been done so for so long.
  + Sarah Shero did a beautiful video on students speaking on the land acknowledgement.
  + Sarah Shero, equity leader, put a great poster in the building to celebrate Black History Month.
  + Incoming Kindergarten Night, happened last Tuesday. About 30 families attended. Gave a presentation about what to expect. What the registration will be looking alike? Forecast 70 new kindergarteners at this moment.
  + 5th Grade visited Maywood yesterday and got a presentation and got to meet Briarwood, Maple Hills and Clark students. Got to see choir, band and orchestra play.
* SIP for 2022-23 will be presented by grade groups. Elementary group will be a big group on 2/15. MTSS – Multi-Tier System of Support. Including Social Emotional Learning, PBSES, Academic Supports, Inclusive practices and Cultural Competencies. We have focused on Reading for couple years. We used to focus on Math when we adapted Eureka Math curriculum. Back from pandemic online learning, focusing on fundamental read skills. Our goal is for students who typically meet standards from 75% to 80%. The students who’s lagging behind close the gaps. Over the next 2 years, we want 60% of these students (240) to close the gaps to meet their stretch growth.
* Teachers training for Cultural Responsiveness, trauma responsiveness.
* Student survey for 3rd and 4th graders data will be analyzed to improve the student confidence and the love of learning.

7:45-7:55pm Q & A for Principal Harris

* The report cards in the future will be possibly in January and June. The conference date won’t change.
* Enrollment number for kindergarten across the district is consistent.

7:55 – 8:00pm New Business

* Next General Membership Meeting: 5/24 7PM.
* Guest Speaker will be Special Education PTSA

8:00pm Adjourn at 7:50PM

Attendance List:

Laura Ni

Rachel Hearn

Jane Harris

Crystal Colleran

Aletta Collins

Jessica Braswell

Erin Wang

Julie Chang

Laurelle Graves

Minh Ngu

Nancy Yeung

Siddhi Patel

Karla Inostroza

Yomn Osman

Andrea MacMillan

Jennifer Khumalo