

Ballard PTA Minutes
January 9, 2015
(General Association)

Amy Musson, President, welcomed all present, and then called a General Association Meeting of the Ballard School PTA to order at 2:03p.m. at the picnic tables at Ballard School.

Board Members in attendance:

Amy Musson, President
Tracey Cassidy, Vice-President
Valerie Fvette, Treasurer
Linda Shier, Assistant Treasurer
Anastasia Lubke, Secretary
Cathy Bunke, Auditor

Secretary's Sign-In sheet lists all other attending members.

- A. Approval of Minutes.** Copies of the November 19, 2014 minutes were distributed to all present. Motion was made by Linda Shier to approve the minutes as presented. Shaun Cassidy seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
- B. Old Business.** Thank you for making the Thanksgiving Feast, the Food Drive & the Book Fair a huge success.
- C. Financial Reports.**
- Valerie Fvette presented Check Nos. 1866 through 1873 for ratification. Check #1853 voided. Motion was made by Valerie Fvette to ratify. Tina Grunzweig seconded, passed unanimously.
 - Valerie Fvette proposed the release of funds as they related to operating expenses. Valerie Fvette made the motion to release. Linda Shier seconded, passed unanimously.
- D. New Business.**
- Linda Shier to send out sign up genius for Teacher Appreciation Lunches in Feb.
 - Amy & Alan working on getting another speaker(s) for our next GA meeting.
 - We need to start thinking about a Nominating Committee for 2014-15 officers.
 - Reflection Art Program extended Ballard School only deadline till 2/15.
 - Jamboree update from Tracey Cassidy. Information going home with our kids. Thanks to David Shier(setting up paypal), Bryan Latchford (setting up facebook/website)and Sally Sigouin(who will be providing content). We now have social media/website! Still need donations(auction items, granny's attic), sponsorships(musical chairs), volunteers.
 - Cathy Bunke set up Amazon Smiles for our PTA. A % of sales made on our behalf will be given to our PTA.

E. Principal/Superintendent Report. Allan Pelletier, Ballard Superintendent/Principal reported.

- Karen Dannemiller(5th), Voyages of Discovery Sailing Trip, She showed photos and explained what the trip is about and how much the kids learn hands on with this kind of PTA funded trip. It's a 3-5 hour trip, the parents drive to Ventura Harbor where they board the sailing vessel. The kids are given instructions on the dock then board and do all the work, dressed in historical attire.
- Reminder no school, Mon (1/12) and Mon (1/19).
- Ballard/ Los Olivos(LO) MOU – no new news. At the next Los Olivos Board Meeting they will form an ad hoc advisory committee to meet with Ballard Board President and Allan regarding the MOU. Ballard is a Kinder through 8th grade district. The MOU was put in place as it was mutually beneficial for us to combine our 7th and 8th grades at LO. That started in 1996 and now that LO has become a basic aid school, LO needs have changed. Ballard has some options, 1) keep 7th and 8th graders at Ballard. 2) pay LO \$6250/student/year.3) send our kids to another middle school. Heather Saarloos noted that LO financial situation made it necessary to become a basic aid school and that the budget cannot cover additional students.
- Next Ballard School Board mtg. 1/15/15 at 5:30pm.

F. Next General Association meeting in March – Evening Mtg.

Amy Musson moved to adjourn meeting at 3:02p. Valerie Fvette seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anastasia Lubke, Secretary