

**Ballard PTA Minutes**  
**September 12, 2014**  
**(General Association)**

Amy Musson, President, welcomed all present, and then called a General Association Meeting of the Ballard School PTA to order at 2:01p.m. at the Picnic Tables at Ballard School.

Board Members in attendance:

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

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

- A. **Approval of Minutes.** Copies of the April 9, 2014 minutes were distributed to all present. Motion was made by Tina Grunzweig to approve the minutes as presented. Valerie Fuelle seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
- B. **Financial Reports.**
- 2014/2015 budget was presented by Valerie Fuelle and opened up for discussion. New funding provided under Classroom Trips PTA Funding, \$500/each to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. Garden/Greenhouse line item to be named Garden only, removing the word greenhouse. It was noted that the \$5000 budgeted for Music Grace Note Program is not an ongoing expense. Tracey Cassidy made a motion to approve the budget, Linda Shier seconded, passed unanimously. Valerie Fuelle moved to release highlighted funds (see attached budget), Tina Grunzweig seconded, passed unanimously.
  - Check Nos. 1817 through 1852, with the exception of voided checks 1830, 1834 & 1841, were presented for ratification. Motion was made by Valerie Fuelle to ratify. Tina Grunzweig seconded, passed unanimously.
- C. **Principal/Superintendent Report.** Allan Pelletier, Ballard Superintendent/Principal discussion
- Introduced Cathy Vengel, new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, and Gina Floyd, thanking Gina for all her extra work admitting the new families. New music teacher, 2 times a week, Mary Beth Woodruff starting soon.
  - Answered questions regarding lunchtime, saying the kids have an early lunch for 20 minutes, and a regular lunch for 15 minutes. The kids eat first then play, 3<sup>rd</sup> year with this lunch schedule and it seems to work well for most kids.
  - Answered questions regarding after school enrichment classes, saying art classes in place and working within the constraints of our school trying to add on technology classes and possibly online classes. More will be presented as the year progresses.
  - Drive safely at pick up and drop off.
- D. **Old Business.**
- E. **New Business.**
- Upcoming events; Halloween Carnival Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1-3pm. Thanksgiving food drive (two weeks leading up to thanksgiving), Thanksgiving Feast Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> (noon).
  - Tracey Cassidy gave an update from the Arts Committee, more details about Mary Beth Woodruff and possibility of Master Classes, opening up for more community involvement.
  - Jamboree April 19, 2015. Tracey Cassidy updated that they are recruiting volunteers to help organize, working on donations, musical chair sponsors, start setting aside items for Granny's attic, Tina Grundzweig overseeing the class projects. New this year will be a social media component.
- F. **Next General Association meeting:** November TBA, evening meeting.

Amy Musson adjourned meeting at 2:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Anastasia Lubke, Secretary