

The April PTA General Meeting was scheduled for April 24, 2018 from 6-8pm in the Lawton Elementary Library.
See attached sheet for those in attendance.

PTA Board Members in attendance:

Jen Wenrick – Co-President
Bryn Bunich – Co-Vice President
Gina Craig – Communications, Website
Kassandra Bradberry – Communications, Newsletter
Jenni Currit -Treasurer
Cynthia Dold-Fundraising
Virginia Docktor - Cashier
Mikelle Nuwer - Secretary
Kristen Noel – Staff Liaison
Valerie Cooper – Advocacy

Agenda

1. Budget summary for 2018-2019 academic year with vote by general membership
2. Presentation of PTA Board Slate and paper ballot by general membership
3. Principal selection activity for Lawton families

The April PTA General Meeting was called to order by Co-President Jen Wenrick at 6:07pm. The Co-President and Principal welcomed families in attendance and introduced Kelly Aramaki. Mr. Aramaki is the Executive Director of Schools in the southeast region and will be heading the committee responsible for selecting the next Lawton Elementary Principal.

New Budget Summary by Treasurer Jenni Currit

The Treasurer passes copies of the full budget for the 2018-2019 academic year to all families in attendance and shown a slide summarizing the major changes from the current year.

She explained that the budget will be raised from \$170,000 to \$245,000. Most of the budget increase is due to the projected increase in the number of students enrolled and the related asks from the Lawton staff. Due to the increase in enrollment, and the additional classrooms that need to be supported, Lawton staff have asked to increase the time of the Academic Interventionist and Librarian. These increases are necessary to continue to provide services to all students.

In addition, a line in the budget was added for Playground Maintenance. The Playground Committee recommended this addition since the Lawton PTA is responsible for serving and replacing equipment since it is owed by the Lawton PTA. The budget line is in the amount of \$3000/year. If the budgeted money is not

spent it will remain the account be allowed to accrue in hopes that the accrued money will provide seed funds for a new playground in 15-20 years.

Other budget lines were increased as advised by Chairs of the major education and social events for Lawton students and families.

The Treasurer explained that the 2017-2018 has been fully funded and there is a surplus over the required reserve funds in the PTA savings account. This surplus comes from careful budgeting over the last few years in addition to success spring auctions.

The 2018-2019 budget will be funded through a/an:

- 1) Increase in the fundraising goal of the Fall Direct Drive to \$160,000
- 2) Transfer of \$52,000 from the PTA savings account
- 3) Transfer of \$12,000 excess for Academic Interventionist from 2017-2018 academic year
- 4) Transfer of all proceeds from 2018 Spring Art Gala to the 2018-2019 budget. The Chair of the Spring Art Gala hopes to raise \$25,000-35,000. The Spring Art Gala has been scaled back this year

The Co-President explained that the new budget reflects the Boards commitment to taking a community approach to fundraise for a future with many unknowns.

After the budget summary, the Treasurer asked the audience for questions.

A parent asked for an update on the enrollment and changes to space allocation and use for next year. The Principal informed the parents that he has been working with Seattle Public Schools Capital Projects to find space for 4 additional classrooms in the building. Capital Projects is recommending that the computer lab and music room be converted back to classroom space and that the space currently used by the Boys and Girls Club be repurposed into 2 classrooms. Music will be held in a small classroom on the 1st floor of the building for grades K-2 and on the stage in the afternoons for grades 3-5. The computers from the computer lab will be moved into the 4 new classrooms, the library, and onto carts for classroom use.

Before and after school care will continue to be offered at Lawton through the Boys and Girls Club. The Club will be given priority use of the Commons or Gym. The preschool is currently looking to relocate off school grounds.

The Principal informed the families in attendance that public meetings to discuss boundaries for the new Magnolia Elementary School will begin in the late spring and will be led by Ashley Davies. The Principal has a meeting with Ashley Davies on Tuesday, May 1st.

A parent asked a question about the budgeted funds for the Lawton Cultures event and how the money will be spent. The Lawton Cultures event will be based on the

book and message in *The Dot*. The focus will be on embracing individuality and the culture of where you come from. This academic year there will be kickpff music assembly for students and lessons taught by teachers and art docents. Students will create Lawton Cultures Close Up art projects. Next year there'll be a community evening event.

A motion to approve the proposed 2018-2019 budget was proposed by Bryn Bunich. The motion was seconded by Kassandra Bradberry and approved unanimously.

Board Slate Ballot by Co-Vice President Bryn Bunich

The Co-Vice President presented a full Slate for the 2018-2019 Lawton PTA Board. All positions have been filled, but the Co-Vice President called for other nominations from those in attendance. No additions were made. A correction was posted to the last name for Co-President Valerie Cooper (from Jackson). Paper ballots were passed. ***PTA members in attendance approved the presented slate unanimously.***

Principal Selection Activity by Executive Director of School Kelly Aramaki

Mr. Aramaki described the process for hiring a new principal and led families through an activity to determine the desired characteristics of a principal for our school community.

The position has already been posted and a number of applicants have expressed interested. Interviews will be held mid-May. The new principal will be selected by the superintendent in late May or early June. The appointment will begin on July 1st.