ACCESS PTA Meeting September 9,2015

7 p.m. Call to order- Welcome, introductions:

Staff introduction: Amy MacKinnon (advanced math teacher)

Introductions: PTA officers introduced, Kelly Cutler- site council representative, Kristi Byfield-auction chair. Kristi explained that the Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year is the auction, and she needs volunteers. She has been asked to be the Foundation president next year and will need someone else to be auction chair next year, so it would also be helpful for someone to learn the ropes this year.

Purpose of PTA, Goals for this year:

Heather explained the role of the PTA in supporting the teachers and school in general, including classroom enrichment, and also community-building events.

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Another parent asked if Ms. MacK. has a website that explains this, and she said that she does have a website, but not everything is on it yet. Heather Kent suggested that parent volunteers create a summary this fall of all the math competition options. Lydia Dennehy noted that she is in charge of organizing room parents, and she could use a parent volunteer to help with teachers and teacher websites.

Treasurer's report- Abbie Rankin. Abbie first covered the standing rules, and provided a handout. A motion was made and the standing rules were approved with minor changes:

A motion was made to authorize the PTA executive committee to spend up to 10% or \$100 more than the budgeted amount for a given item without seeking approval of the membership between meetings. The motion was approved.

Abbie next reviewed the year-end budget for last year. David Fikstad and Jennifer Ellis did the year-end audit for last year. David reviewed the audit which was based on the Oregon PTA checklist, and noted that there was nothing out of order on last year's budget. The audit forms were circulated and a motion was made to approve the audit, which passed. It was noted that the 8th graders raised \$3,000 for

income. This is due to several reasons: Abbie was conservative in her estimation of income, there was money that we expected to spend last year and didn't (Oregon Trail Trip, OBOB books), and the reserve is large at \$19,000.

Discussion of the budget ended and a motion was made and passed to approve it.

Principal Announcements and updates- David Wood

There are 355 students as of today. 2 students are moving to new grades, and 2 students are moving out of the area, so he will be admitting 4 new students, with at least one each in 6th, 5th, 4th. It is the most diverse population ever, including double the free and reduced lunch qualifying students compared to last year. We are at capacity and the building is very full. The ACCESS staff meets monthly with BC staff to make sure everything is going smoothly.

<u>Back to School night</u> is on the 30th. This is a curriculum overview for the parents. It is not designed for the kids, but if families need to bring kids to come then they should do that.

Trish Hendy, the secretary, is on medical leave until 10/15. Pam Dahlberg pgahlberg@pps.net, is the temporary secretary. Please email teachers if you need an appointment to meet with them, and please give at least 24 hours notice.

David asked all at the meeting to get out their cell phones, so that we could sign up for school text messages. Text "yes" to Mobile First at 68593 to sign up.

New Directory information: the school directory will be online through myschoolanywhere.com. Families have a one-week period to opt-out and will get information on how to do that. Information will be uploaded to Synergy, so please correct your family's information on Synergy if needed. The directory will only be available to ACCESS families, so it will NOT be widely available. During the opt-out period, until the 24th, all information will be dark to other families, and will become available after the 24th. After the 24th you can still go into the system and hide or change any information about your family that you want. It can be searched by class and grade, and can be used for communication within a class. Mr. Wood will send out an email with a link as well as a text message to families to log on and make changes.

New for the elementary school this year:

music once weekly with Mr. Fitch

PE 1-2 times week with Mr. Kreuz

Chinese 1-2 times weekly with M. Xie

New for the Middle School:

Mandarin and Spanish 1 semester each in 6th, yearlong in 7 and 8 (students choose which they take).

Science enrichment 6 and 8

music 7th only