

**University Park Meeting Minutes**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the PTA Board and Membership**  
**May 8, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**

**Location of Meeting:**

University Park Elementary School, Art Room

**Present at Meeting:** Stacey Hauhuth, Merrell Aspin, Jennifer Frenkel, Angela Rathbun, Meridith Burrows, Nathan Lipke, Julie Tremont, Candace Kristensson, Rachelle Montanaro, Heather Wise, Mei Li, Katie Fitz-Gerald, Brooke Merkle, Scott Rathbun, Svenja Henze.

The regular meeting of the PTA board and membership of University Park was called to order at 6:02 by Stacey Hauhuth.

- I. Principal and School Update: Grant talked about the Kindergarten meet and greet. It was a successful and fun introduction to University Park. Other big news is that the construction for the summer of 2018 at the school has been postpone. DPS was unable to obtain at least three viable bids due to competition with private developments. DPS has allocated \$750,000 of the mill levy funds for the project and that money will hold over until summer 2019 or 2020. It was also confirmed that next year both CSC and PTA will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. The last fire drill was conducted this week. As part of the auction, Elliot Gibbs was able to participate in "pull the alarm." We should be informed within the week as to the decision on the new principal.
- II. PAC for ELA: Anita Murano. Anita presented information on the efforts of the ELA department to establish a parent advisory committee and to invite parent involvement. Many of her parents are working multiple jobs and attending classes to support their families. Anita is available to answer all questions about ELA. She also advocated for more support and funding for ELA such that they could hire a Para again to support their work. There are currently about 40 children on the ELA roster. She is in need of a Chinese speaker who can make phone calls to families who would be able to do more than just act as a translator.
- III. Great Education Colorado: Haley McClure. Haley was able to notarize over 10 petitions and gave some pointers and key phrases that she uses when discussing proposition 93. ("Current freshmen class of kids have known nothing but education budget cuts.")
- IV. Silent Auction: Katie FitzGerald. The Auction brought in over \$70,000 dollars! Which is about \$5,000 more than last year. Katie highlighted what worked really well, including procurement by Sheena Hurd. They obtained over \$65,000 in donations. Inventory with storing all items at one house and organizing all envelopes. The wine pull was also a great success and sold out.

The photo booth had over 100 people. And the parking space also brought in \$2,500!

Items that we hope to improve on for next year include location. The acoustics for live auction were terrible. The goal would be to find a location where everything can be done in one large room with a good sound system.

- V. Spring School Grounds Clean Up: The event is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am.
- VI. Budget Review-Jen Frenkel: The income this month was mostly auction, though grocery cards and apple continue to see a trickle of money. As for expenses, we have the Golf Tournament coming up (fewer sign ups than hoped, but Wellshire worked with Jesse and did not penalize the school). Classroom materials are almost at budget. Ms. Kathleen was able to work with librarians to update books, especially the non-fiction section of the library. Overall for the year we are up \$38,900.
- VII. Finally a huge thank you went out to Stacey Hauhuth and Merrell Aspin who have been fearless, fabulous PTA presidents for the past two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31.