

**Carson Elementary PTA 5.7.3**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
20 February 2007

Notice of the meeting was given to all members, and a quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 pm by the Carson Elementary PTA interim President, Sutra Borgeson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

An inspirational thought was given by Birgit Miller.

The minutes were distributed and read. Janeen Morris moved that the minutes be approved as written for the 23 January Meeting. The motion was seconded and there was no discussion. The motion was carried.

The Treasurer gave the budget report and informed us that she has mailed the IRS form (501 © (3)) which grants us non-profit status.

We discussed some proposed changes to the Standing Rules. This discussion was tabled.

The Carson Elementary PTA Goals were presented.

The Nominating Committee was then created. Amy Conner, Amy Gerber and Lana Kay were nominated and accepted the nominations. The members voted and all three names were approved. Amy Conner received the most votes and was therefore elected as the Nominating Committee Chairperson.

The Donation Cans for the rock wall and the AR program were presented and will be available at each meeting.

The membership committee informed us that there were 47 members with 2 new members joining tonight for a current total of 49 Carson Elementary PTA members.

A challenge was given for the current members to find 5 new members. Ten people accepted the challenge: Tracey Paxson, Janet Caviezel, Erin Hagstrom, Lori Cameron, Noelle Lammers, Jodie Miller, Jen Evans, Lana Kay, Amy Conner, and Janeen Morris.

We then reviewed the "How Can I Help the PTA" handout, especially mentioning the [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) website.

School updates were given.

- The climbing wall has been upgraded for no charge and we are also receiving \$300 worth of free learning materials which go with the wall for a total cost of \$8,540.
- The school capacity is 750, currently 754 students are potentially enrolled. If necessary portable classrooms will be constructed utilized. Currently there is a 1 to 18 teacher-student ratio.
- The school colors are: crimson, gold and grey.
- There will be a logo competition.
- Karen Howard has been hired as the new office manager.
- RAM night- March 28<sup>th</sup> to meet the new staff.
- Daily class times are going to be 8:25 am- 2:45 pm.
- There will be a preschool, but details have yet to be determined.
- Transportation- Carson hopes to have adult crossing guards, speed bumps, crosswalks with lights and a future presentation by the transportation department to discuss bus routes.
- The school is 65% complete, and on schedule.

We discussed communication issues. All questions should go directly to the District Office. If anyone is not currently enrolled in the Puyallup School District and plans to go to Carson Elementary in the fall they should contact the school district office to facilitate an accurate student count for the fall.

T-shirts and sweatshirts with the logo "Property of Carson Elementary, est. 2007" will be available for preorder. T-shirts are \$10, and sweatshirts (hoodies) are \$20.

Kindergarten registration starts at 6 pm on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Brouillet.

The fundraising committee presented further brick information. They will cost \$29 per brick and sell for between \$75 and \$100.

The Art Docent chair made a presentation about the program.

The floor was opened for nominations for President. Jen Evans nominated Sutra Borgeson, it was seconded. There were no other nominations. The floor was closed and Sutra was unanimously elected using a verbal vote and voting cards.

Sutra then resigned as Vice President.

Cheryl Child reminded us all that voting day is May 15<sup>th</sup> to pass the school bond and encouraged everyone to vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.