



ELLA BAKER PTSA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

May 18, 2023

Location: Ella Baker Elementary School, STEAM Lab

In Attendance: Raj Alagumalai, Nirali Shah, Eugenia Ho, Vijeta Khatri, Reshma Kapoor, Lindsay Bradshaw, Yessenia Villacis, Aimee Palacios, Camille Bradshaw, Jovin Raj, Liana Bunde, Sachin Shah, Leon Cyril, Sasikumar Natarajan (non-member).

**Required quorum (10 voting members) was present.*

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER - RAJ

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm.

BUSINESS – NIRALI AND RAJ

Minutes from Previous Meeting - Raj

- March 2023 minutes approved and moved to records.

Updates to Standing Rules – Nirali and Raj

Updates to Standing Rules – 4 items were presented in the general membership meeting:

- 1) Membership Dues** – because of the increase in membership dues by National PTA, the Council is recommending all local PTAs to update their Standing Rules to say that dues shall not exceed a certain amount, rather than to list a specific amount. Thus, this line will be added, *“The dues for membership shall not exceed \$30 per two individual memberships, \$20 per individual membership, and \$15 per staff membership.”*
- 2) Consolidating Exec Committee & Board** – Volunteer and Advocacy positions will be changed from “Director” to “VP” titles. VPs are required to be voted in and to have one official training.
- 3) Board of Directors’ qualifications** – need to be LWSD “approved” volunteers.
- 4) PTSA Reserves** – adding a reserve amount that equals to \$25,000.

Vote on Proposed Budget

Sachin made a motion to approve the 4 updates listed above to the Standing Rules. The motion was seconded and passed with enough votes.

Review Proposed Budget – Nirali and Raj

Raj and Nirali presented to the members the proposed budget, highlighting and explained changes from last year’s budget.

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Jovin made a motion to approve the proposed budget for 2023-2024. The motion was seconded and passed with enough votes.

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Open 2023-2024 Board Position Elections – Raj

We need to vote on the elections for 4 open positions for the 2023-2024 Board. The nominating committee has nominated the following individuals for their corresponding positions:

Advocacy VP - Erin Cizmas - nominee

Fundraising VP - Alyssa Finke - nominee

Volunteers Co-VPs - Lindsay Bradshaw - nominee; Tiffany Sundelin – nominee

Raj opened the floor up for any other nominations. Hearing no further nominations, voting began.

For Office of Vice President of Advocacy; Erin Cizmas :

Raj announced there are no other nominations on the floor. Erin Cizmas received votes from the majority. She is voted in.

For Office of Vice President of Fundraising; Alissa Finke:

Raj announced there are no other nominations on the floor. Alissa Finke received votes from the majority. Alissa is voted in.

For Office of Co-Vice Presidents of Volunteers; Lindsay Bradshaw, Tiffany Sundelin:

Raj announced there are no other nominations on the floor. Lindsay and Tiffany received votes from the majority. They are voted in.

Congratulations to all and thank you for your commitment to serving the PTSA board in 2023-2024!

UPCOMING - RAJ

- **Last Staff Appreciation Lunch** – May 26, 2023
- **Volunteer Appreciation Event** – June 1, 2023 at 9:30am
Committee: Alissa Finke, Renata King, Natalya Stine
- **Step-Up Day** – June 8th (need volunteers)

ADJOURNMENT - RAJ

- Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm. Greatly appreciate everyone who participated in our last General Membership meeting of the 2022-2023 school year!