

2021-2022 Laureate Park Elementary PTA General Meeting & Elections Minutes

Thursday, May 12th, 2022, at 6:00PM at Laureate Park Elementary Media Center

Meeting called to order by President Patricia Font at 6:10 p.m.

Attendance:

Patricia Mendez Font, President | Dana Trabucco, Vice President | Michelle Sverrisson, VP Events | Jenieva Bacchus-Ramnarine, Treasurer | Janelle Martinez, Secretary | Stephanie McDonald, VP Membership | Kathleen Ramsey, Vice Principal

There were 30 members in attendance; a quorum was reached. Juliette Chilles, Orange County Council of PTA Treasurer attended as guest and observer.

The meeting started with President, Patricia Font calling to order to start the PTA 2022-23 Board Officers election as the first order of business.

- President request Janelle Martinez to read Article VI from current bylaws regarding 'Officers & their Elections'.
- President requested Jenieva Bacchus, chair of Nominating Committee to read the Nominating Committee report.
- The nominating Committee report stated:
 - For President: Michelle Sverrisson
 - Treasurer: Patricia Font
 - Secretary: Janelle Martinez
 - VP of Volunteers: Diana Bishai
 - VP of Fundraising: Stephanie McDonald
 - VP of Membership: Kelly Parlato
 - VP of Events: Daisy Bersaghi
- President, Patricia Font reread the report out loud. After reading asked if there were further nominations from the floor.
- Dana Trabucco, current Vice President was nominated from the floor by Rod Kerezsi. Patricia asked Dana if she accepted the nomination to

which she replied yes. A motion to conduct the President position election by secret ballot was called by President as stated in current bylaws.

- President, Patricia Font asked candidates, Dana, and Michelle to select their tellers. She also asked Juliette Chilles representative from OCCPTA to help with election process, ballot distribution and counting votes. All members stood up to be counted and verified via sign up sheet. There was a total of 30 members present to vote. The same number of ballots were distributed by Erika Larios, Leslie Buss and Diana Bishai with Juliette's help and the secret election began. Doors were closed for the ballot election to begin at 6:32 pm. Ballots were collected to be counted by Juliette and observers. President Patricia Font tried carried on with elections reading the rest of nominees from report and remarked that since the rest of positions were unopposed the votes will be by voice as per current bylaws.
- As agreed, ballots were counted on the side of the room by Juliette Chilles, Leslie Buss, Erika Larios, and Diana Bishai. Ballots were given to School Vice Principal Kathleen Ramsey at the end of the election so they can be retained on school premises.
- When Juliette from OCCPTA tried to announce the results of President votes Dana Trabucco, current Vice-President expressed she did not think the elections should continue as the Nominating Committee wasn't rightfully appointed in accordance with current bylaws. President Patricia Font then asked for Juliette's intervention to deliberate if the elections could carry on after such allegation.
- After consultation via phone call with Melanie Williams, President of the County Council, it was decided that the Nominating Committee wasn't valid but since there was enough quorum present the elections should continue with a clean slate and taking nominations from the floor. The Nominating Committee report was annulled, and elections continued under those conditions.

- Election process began again taking nominations from the floor. It began with the President position. Michelle Sverrisson and Dana Trabucco nominated themselves from the floor. Since their election had already happened by secret ballot Juliette proceed to read the results:
 - Michelle Sverrisson – 17 votes
 - Dana Trabucco – 13 votes

Michelle Sverrisson was then announced as the new President for the 2022-23 School year.

- Election continued by taking nominations from the floor and members voted by voice. At the end of the election the new officers were appointed by members as follows:
 - Treasurer: Kristin Fuller
 - Secretary: Hilda Merino-Chavez
 - VP of Events: Daisy Bersaghi
 - VP of Volunteers: Diana Bishai
 - VP of Membership: Kelly Parlato
 - VP of Fundraising: Rod Kerezsi
- After the election Juliette invited new elected officers to attend the OCCPTA Leadership Convention in July as a learning resource.
- **Treasurer Report** - Jenieva Bacchus-Ramnarine read bank balance to membership: ** current balance is \$55,190,000.68 (some outstanding payments remain due to End of Year Celebrations happening next week). She also noted \$43,413,00.00 belonged to Boostheron Fundraiser held this year.
- To end the meeting President, Patricia Font then read the end-of year report and talked about PTA investments throughout the year. School Vice-Principal Kathleen Ramsey took the stage to thank the PTA for their hard work and excellent administration and service during this school year. Patricia and Kathleen also announced that next school year Free Meals benefit was going away and everyone – regarding of if they qualify for free meals or not – should apply so school could have enough funds for the cafeteria.

With no further business to discuss a motion to close was then announced by President, Patricia and at 7:02 pm meeting was adjourned.

Minutes compiled by Janelle Martinez, Secretary.