

Viewlands PTSA meeting

General Meeting, Viewlands Elementary Library, 6:35pm-8:00pm.

Meeting called by:	Monique Heilesen
Type of meeting	General Meeting
Facilitator	Monique Heilesen
Note Taker	Gwen Reider, Reviewed by Katie Monsaas and Monique Heilesen
Attendees	
Sandy Smith (Viewlands counsellor), Amy Klainer (Viewlands Principal), Monique Heilesen, Heidi Allen, Carrie Yan, Audrey Young, Laura Barker Leach, Chris Bihary, Andrew Howell, Dena Dewar, Gina Speer, Katie Monsaas, Shaina Haughian, Gwen Reider, Brian Otto, Frances Coppa, Diane Sidari, Steve Schefe, Bambi Saunders, Jamie Anderson, Rod Weaver, Emily Schreiber, Ann Campbell, Rebecca Frestedt, Mamatha Reddy, Melinda Bullaro, Karin Harrison, Bebeth Steudel, Ruth-Anne Ford, Suzanne Howell, Michelle Seligman, Melinda Bullaro, Amy Franklin-Bihary, Christie Messina, Cari Simpson	

AGENDA:

Motion to Approve prior meeting minutes: Michelle Seligman motioned to approve, Gina Speers seconded. All approved.

Standing Rules Amendment: Page 5, enrichment scholarship. Michelle Seligman motioned to approve the changes, Dena Dewar seconded. All approved.

Nominating committee: Melissa, Sabriena, and Jamie Anderson. Need a BLT replacement, Enrichment Coordinator, and VP.

Viewlands Sidewalk: Proposal NSF 2019-250. This Thursday 1/31/19 at Broadview is the initial vote, can also vote on line at the SDOT website until 2/22/19. Chris Bihary spoke, would like paved sidewalk on the east side of Third Avenue. SDOT said can combine funds with NSF funding (neighborhood votes to pass phase 2 to determine what projects will move forward. Applications are voted on, and interested persons can vote in person or on line if they would like to request a paved sidewalk to improve children's safety).

Spring Auction: Suzanne and Emily

Saturday, March 30, 6-9:30pm, PNA top floor. Procurement process is underway. Also, raffling off 4 tickets and babysitting (ways to be involved include buying a ticket, volunteering, or writing a paragraph about why you love Viewlands).

Frances Coppa: Class Baskets, Class art project, yard work, etc. are going to occur this year. Frances is seeking volunteers from each class to coordinate the item.

Viewlands Garden: Audrey Young. Volunteered to do orientation for new garden for 2nd Grade teachers, but need volunteers to manage the garden. The commitment is April to September. Learning in Places Group also wants to be involved this summer. There will be a Twilight walk on 2/28/19 (Fliers will be coming home).

Levy Update: Peter Maier, 2 measures on the ballot. Renewals of existing school levy measures. One of the measures would be a new building (\$69 mill project) for Viewlands. This is a 6 year levy, and funding comes in increments. Other measure is a renewal of the operating levy. There is a gap between what the state provides and what the local districts provide in terms of funding positions such as nurses, special education, librarians, etc. Viewlands would relocate in 2020, moving to the John Marshall site, and then the school would be demolished/rebuilt.

Mr. Maier requests that the PTA vote to Endorse the levies, PTAs can support through funding, provide link in our newsletter.

Motion to endorse the levies offered by Karin Harison, seconded by Andrew Howell. All in favor, no opposed.

Andrea Baumgarten: Guest speaker, parent educator. Parenting in the Digital Age: How Our Family Can Strengthen Responses to Bullying, Cyberbullying, and Mind-Grabbing.

Vibrant presentation and discussion regarding bullying and digital age.

National anti-bullying information: <http://www.stopbullying.gov/>

Screen Time <https://www.common sense media.org/screen-time>

Parental controls: On Apple devices: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>, Google parental controls reviews

Family Limit Setting at Family Meetings (inoculate children against the poor communication)

Agenda: 1) Compliments and Appreciations, 2) Our Agenda Items, 3) Brainstorming for Solutions, 4) Our Family Fun, 5) Planning the next Family Fun, and all of this leads eventually to your 6) Family Expectations.

Teach kids to casually say, "Hey, that's not cool." Resonates much more with peers than bossy/tattletale.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gwen Reider
Co-Secretary