Tacoma Council PTA Board Meeting Minutes – Draft
October 9, 2014 5:31 p.m.
TPS Central Administration Building, Fourth Floor

In Attendance: See sign in sheet. A quorum was present.

Legislators and candidates were welcomed; in consideration of their busy schedules, the meeting began with the legislative form. Legislative chair Jennifer Boutell asked each individual to answer two questions:

1) What do you plan to do to help honor the Supreme Court's McCleary decision?

2) Are they any educational policies or bills you'd like to see advanced this session?

These legislators and candidates attended the forum and shared their thoughts with attendees:

- Larry Seaquist, 26th District, State Rep, Position 2, Dem (I)
- Judy Arbogast, 26th District, State Sen, Dem
- Jake Fey, 27th District, State Rep, Position 2, Dem (I)
- Laurie Jinkins, 27th District, State Rep, Position 1, Dem (I)
- Christine Kilduff, 28th District, State Rep, Position 2, Dem
- Paul Wagemann, 28th District, State Rep, Position 2, GOP
- Tami Green, 28th District, State Sen, Dem (I)
- Mary Moss, 28th District, State Rep, Position 1, Dem
- Jason Bergstrom, 29th District, State Rep, Position 1, GOP
- Steve Conway, 29th District, State Sen, Dem (I)

Legislative Assembly: Jennifer reported that the Washington State Supreme Court found the Legislature in contempt for not making enough progress toward fully funding public education; the court said it will not issue any sanctions until the 2015 legislative session. She also reported about Initiatives 1351 (would reduce class sizes) and 594 (would require background checks for firearm sales and transfers). The WSPTA Legislative Assembly will be held October 24-25 in Vancouver – it's an event during which the PTA will develop its platform for the next biennium.

Minutes: May 2014 general meeting minutes prepared by Kim Golding were presented for approval. Patti DeRusha noted she was absent from the meeting but not for the reason noted in the minutes. The minutes were approved with that change.

Treasurer's Report: Janet Stewart reported that the audit of council's books was completed in late August; those conducting the review suggested creating and maintaining an inventory of physical possessions. Council has opened a savings account, which currently has a $0 balance. Janet sent letters to three schools still owing membership fees from last year; two have responded. Janet also presented financial reports for July/August 2014 and September 2014. As of September 30, 2014 the Council's checking account balance is $3,880.06.

PTA Region 10 Report: Director Marissa Peloquin reported on efforts to mentor non-council PTAs. She also announced a PTA & The Law training will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 5 at Foss High School. Janet proposed adding leadership training sessions for those who attend PTA & The Law.

School Board Liaison Report: No representative of the TPS School Board was present.

Reflections: Council is contemplating changes to its January recognition event; Marilyn Beale is working on plans and would welcome assistance.

New Business/Announcements:

Jennifer reported on the State of the Schools event held Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Hotel Murano. The community-wide event featured an address by TPS Superintendent Carla Santorno and performances/presentations by students from a handful of schools. She also shared information about Foundation for Tacoma School's efforts to raise money to recondition old TPS-owned laptops so that they might be distributed to students.

Dignitary memberships were awarded to represented PTA units via random drawing:

Janet Stewart, TCPTA Treasurer/Region 10 Programs Chair	Delong
State Sen. Jeannie Darneille, 27th Legislative District	Sherman
Mark Lindquist, Pierce County Prosecutor	Lincoln
Linda Hanson, Past WSPTA President	Jason Lee
Kathy Orlando, Past TPS School Board Member/Past TCPTA president	Jason Lee
Dori Tate, WSPTA Leadership Director	Sunset (UP)
Joshua Garcia, TPS Deputy Superintendent	Foss
Heather Gillette, WSPTA President	Sunset (UP)
Kris Anderson, Past TCPTA President	Downing
Debbie Winskill, TPS School Board Member	Foss
State Sen. Steve Conway, 29th Legislative District	NE Tacoma
State Sen. Steve Conway, 29th Legislative District	Meeker

Next meeting: The next general meeting, a program about Common Core, will be held from 6:30-8:30, Nov. 12, in TPS Central Administration Building, Fourth Floor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mary Boone