

Horizon Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting

January 18th, 2018

Call to Order: 5:50pm.

President Lisaye Manning and Board Consultant Linda Dement address the general membership and attendance at Horizon's STEAM Night.

Motion 1:

Linda Dement stated that she would like to make a motion that Horizon Elementary PTA apply for the Buell Recreation and BCI Burke Playground grant that has a due date of June 30th, 2018. The playground grant will provide grant funds toward the purchase price of an approved play structure in the form of a discount off the list price of a purchase of \$15,000 or more. If this grant is awarded, fundraising activities would be required to purchase the playground equipment.

- Motion approved by Michelle Dean and 2nd from Jessica Pringle. General membership voted all Yays and 0 Nays for this motion.

Motion 2:

The Horizon PTA Board has voted to endorse Kent School District Proposition 1: Replacement of Educational Programs and Operations Levy and Proposition 2: Replacement of Technology and New Capital Improvement Levy.

Information about the (two) levies:

The Replacement of Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O) funds program and operations needs not funded by the state. It helps pay for staffing for special education, highly capable, ELL, safety and security. It funds staff professional learning, teacher planning, teacher training and workshops. The KSD levy will continue to fund the salary of 1 in 5 jobs across the district. It also pays for extracurricular activities and athletics: arts, music, band, orchestra, drama and choir. The levy currently funds around 20% of the operating budget, and fills the gap between what the state funds and local needs. For example, the state provides Kent School District funding for a total of 4.5 nurses across our district; however, KSD employs over 20 nurses to meet the health and safety needs of our 27,000 students.

The Replacement of Technology and New Capital Improvement Levy funds critical facility and technology needs not funded by the state. The facility portion of this levy pays for building and system improvements, site improvements, updates for paint and carpet, school improvements and health and safety compliance. The technology portion of this levy pays for infrastructure, such as networking and cloud storage, student and staff computers, classroom technology, security cameras, instructional software, business and support systems, technology training and professional development. The levy will provide technology that enables students to maximize learning, and teachers to maximize instruction, ensuring that our students have the technical skills to successfully compete in a 21st century global economy.

Linda Dement stated she would like to make a motion that Horizon PTA vote to endorse the Kent School District Proposition 1: Replacement of Educational Programs and Operations Levy and Proposition 2: Replacement of Technology and New Capital Improvement Levy.

- Motion approved by Michelle Dean and 2nd from Greg Dement. General membership voted all Yays and 0 Nays for this motion.

Adjourned: 6:05pm.