

PSO Meeting
February 8, 2010
Mary Woodward Cafeteria, 9:00AM

Board Members Present: Natasha Ryan, Jill Weinstein, Deborah Anderson, Lisa Stroud, Kathy Belden

Natasha welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes from the January 2010 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Report

The current budget was reported, a few items to note, the negative \$915 was not Jog-a-Thon money and was reimbursed to the school, and we have paid the funds promised to Bridging the Gap.

There was a question on the non-round numbers under teacher support and general team funds, this is because some of the teachers had money left over from the prior year and we paid enough for each teacher to start the year off correctly.

Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer hours are down about 1000 hours from last year – both hours in activities and hours in classroom down. Some thoughts as to why, more parents in classrooms going back to work. In addition, some teachers and grades are putting restrictions on time or where the volunteer hours are, or making it difficult for people to work in classrooms. Some parents that want to help may not be able to if they can't help in the morning. The Principal will follow up with teachers, it is a balance – if too many people to the classroom it can be a disruption, but she will talk with teachers to make sure it is not limited unnecessarily. In addition the teacher liaison will bring it up.

Staff appreciation

There will be a luncheon March 11, during spring conferences. There are many people willing to bring food. Staff appreciation week is also this spring, if you have any ideas please let the committee chair know.

Spring Fundraiser

The Spring Fundraiser is 10 weeks away. Donations are coming along. The current important project is to begin class baskets, currently about ½ of the classes have a designated person. The current committee people – Deborah is in charge of class baskets and design for paperwork, Heidi is in charge of the parade of deserts. There are many other smaller projects that need to be completed and we need volunteers!

Family Events

The Father/Daughter dance is 4/9.

Yearbook

Yearbook is doing well, the proofs will be in soon for review.

Specialty Fundraiser

Kennan Kuffel – From the fundraiser at Fanno Creek, we received \$394. Pasta Veloce is tomorrow night, and Joy Theater movies are going to start again soon. McMenamins fundraiser will be in early March.

Missoula Children's Theater

It is time to book this project and put a deposit down. We do not have a committee chair currently, however this is a great event so maybe we can book a date and then find a person.

Principal's Report

Recently the question of PSO and contracts has been brought up, and to get every one on the same page, the PSO can't sign a contract without it going to the district and being approved by them first. The district umbrella insurance policy has the largest coverage and is what really covers the school. This policy was put into place because in the past we have had some schools sign contracts that they could not pay so the district has had to pay. Thus, the district has really tightened their policies having contracts signed, they usually do not have questions, but they do want to review them. In addition the district has a few employees who are great at reading them and have found some of the "small print" that need to change which has helped the group entering into the contract. The contract is the PSO responsibility but since they have ultimately responsibility they want to sign also.

There was a question on PSO Insurance. The PSO policy specifically covers blow up things, and carnival. We have at least 1 million in coverage. Anything over \$500 the board has to sign and then we are covered, the committee chairs are not allowed to sign.

There is a Lewis & Clark Expedition play today for 3,4,5th graders.

Science fair is on Feb 25th and has had a lot of entries, it looks like there is over 200 applicants this year.

We will be hosting visiting Author Deborah Hopkinson . She is a very well know local author. Thank you to PSO for funding the event.

Measures 66 & 67 passed. This has raised a lot of questions on what Foundation needs to be doing. They are going to slow up and not roll out the February, March and April events. The Foundation is considering going back to original fundraising events.

The District needs time to determine how the money will be used, and when it will be received. The district should receive about 3million, which is what we borrowed from reserve for the current year. Teachers and services will not necessarily be restored immediately, the district is considering what will happen for fall next year. They will find out in a by March/April what they will receive from the state. Spring conferences coming in March – there is just one day for these. Teachers expected to see families that really need to be seen and they can just see other families as they can.

Rob Rossio is battling pancreatic cancer. He is going to have intense chemotherapy. He is out for an extended period of time. Many adults have helped out, and we are also going to sell t-shirts to support Mr. Rossio.

Art Lit has requested a Document Camera and so the Art in the Burbs money from the Foundation is allocated toward the camera or computer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.