

PSO Meeting
January 11, 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 November 2009 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report

The Profit and Loss statement was presented with the following noted:

The Jog-a-thon has turned out as budgeted; a few more deposits have been made.

We have received \$1,500 from Standard Insurance designated toward MW Technology, those funds were not budgeted for but are recorded currently under other income.

There is an Intel check included for approximately \$900 for volunteer hours this is going to be reimbursed to the school, it was unintentionally deposited in the PSO account. It will be reimbursed to school and is also earmarked toward technology, currently the final document camera needed so that each classroom has a camera

Art Lit has also requested a document camera and laptop, however these could possibly be paid through the Art in the Burbs funds received.

This month we are going to pay out the \$1,333 we agreed to support Bridging the Gap.

Curriculum support: Enrichment Assemblies has a negative balance because we have received money and have not yet paid out expenses, then the cost will for after school activities will net zero.

Volunteer Coordinator

PLEASE be sure to log your hours. The volunteer hours are down approximately 1000 hours from last year. There are five fewer classrooms and this may account for some of the hours down, but please if you have worked at home, or forgot to log your hours, please do so. We will also send out a reminder email.

Staff appreciation

The cookie exchange went very well, teachers and their families appreciated all the hard work by everyone. A special Thank you to Jill, Clair, Kara, Heidi and Deborah.

Spring Fundraiser

The spring fundraiser will have a horse-racing theme and will be called "A Night at the Races". It is going to be held April 24th at the Crown Plaza. The races will be played with funny money due to gambling laws, and will be projected on the big screen at the hotel.

Yearbook

The yearbook is in progress and most of the pages for the classrooms are complete and printed for the teachers to review.

Holiday Bazaar

The Holiday Bazaar was a great event, there was a very good turn out. A big thank you to the committee and chairs for all their work to make this successful.

Science Fair

There will be an assembly later this month to kick off the Science fair. There will be an OMSI presentation at the assembly. They will have different assemblies for the primary and older kids.

Specialty Fundraiser

We have been accepted for McMenamins night again and will have a specific date soon. In the next months we are also going to have dinner nights at Max's Fanno Creek Pub, and Pasta Veloce.

Book Fair

There will be a second Book Fair to kickoff summer reading program, May 24-27. It will be either buy 1 get one free, or everything is ½ off. This is a fun fair and will be held before and after school so kids can get some books for the summer. There will be a mixture of books that scholastic has discounted. During this time there will also likely be a book exchange, the details will be worked out in the coming months.

Principal's report

During the Month of April, around Arbor Day, we were selected by the City of Tigard and there will be a massive tree planting on the property. When developers come in and take down trees to build homes they have to pay to down the trees. The funds received from the developers are used for tree planting throughout the city. Recently the mayor and planners were here to plan where the trees will be planted, they will plant in the corner of school field, by play structure for some shade, and on back of the school by the fence. There will be a ceremony with mayor on Arbor Day with a grand finale of selected kids planting a few trees. The city will tend the trees for the first two years of life, so there will be an added benefit of an irrigation system.

There are a number of assessments coming up, both school wide assessments and grade level assessments. The value in these assessments is that we use the results for instructional purposes. DIBELS will be on January 25, then OAKS for 4th and 5th graders for their midway assessment. Finally Feb 16-19 the 4th graders will have a state writing assessment, this will be a three day event. Some of these assessments are required, some are a district decision.

School district report cards are out and we received an exceptional rating. The School district as a whole did not meet growth expectations. This is because growth did not happen for Hispanics, low income, and other subcategories. Hopefully this can change with the courageous conversation programs that are being rolled out to the staff this year and we can close the achievement gap. Teams of teachers are have been trained to lead the rest of the teachers in how to make sure instruction is culturally relevant to all of the children regardless of race. Next year parents will be brought on board as well.

Ballot Measures – Please be fully informed on measures 66 & 67. Rob Saxton has said, “Doom and gloom is planned for that they will not pass, but we re hoping they will pass. If they do not pass, we will not have additional cuts but will maintain what we do have, so class sizes will stay large.” Please read all the information you receive and make sure you vote and a re very well informed on the measures.

No longer is super majority in place, now 50% does not have to vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10.

