

PSO Meeting  
January 12, 2009  
Mary Woodward Cafeteria, 9:00AM

**Board Members Present:** Pam Engel, Natasha Ryan, Sandra Jones, Catie Stedman, Kathy Belden

Pam welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes from the November 2008 meeting were read and approved. One addition to the November minutes is that 36 families were actually served from the giving tree as opposed to the estimated twenty.

**Treasurer's Report**

Sandra Jones reported on our budget, four innovative grants were paid out in December. The enrichment programs for winter have started.

**Volunteer Coordinator**

Catie Stedman reported that as of 1-11-09 we have approximately 4368 volunteer hours logged. Please make sure you log in all your hours worked, including the ones at home.

For all of the events completed so far this school year, Catie wants meet with the event chair and have a closing meeting to discuss the event, any adjustments that can be made and start to find a chair for next year.

The holiday Bazaar was a great success, and thank you for all the hard work!

**Committee Reports**

**Art Lit**

Art lit is going smoothly, the artist this month is Rodan and the children will be creating clay sculptures this month. The head of the Art Lit program for the district visited MW in November and was very impressed with our program. She was so impressed that she asked Pardis Mehrassa and Karen Kemp to do a presentation highlighting their program to the other Art Lit chairs in the district.

**Specialty Fundraiser**

Amy brown reported on the status of the specialty fundraisers. She received \$541 from Pizzicato. Ceramic Café was a success and though we have not received the check we expect somewhere around \$150 from the event. Finally, coming up in January 28 is a Pasta Veloce night and February 26 is a fundraiser with Max's Public House in Tigard.

At the end of February the Albertsons cards will expire and each person will have to go online and relink their Albertsons card to Mary Woodward. This information will be sent out in a Friday Flier.

**Year Book**

Kristina could not be here today, however reported the following information via Pam: The cover of the yearbook has been submitted and the first deadline for pages is coming up in February. She still needs candid photos from every grade and class photos from each grade. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help take photos would be greatly appreciated. She will be meeting with Terri Ward this week to figure out the marketing and sales part of yearbook.

It was suggested to talk with Mr. W because he took a bunch of photos for the district which may be great for the yearbook. In addition, it would be good to get pictures from some of the Enrichment classes.

**Science Fair**

OMSI will present the kick-off assembly called "Altered States" on Friday, January 23 at 8:30 and 9:45. The packets have been sent to the printers and will be sent home with the kids this week. They are being sent home before the kick off since the due date is shortly after the event. There will also be announcements for the Science Fair in the Friday Flyer and the PSO newsletter this week.

**Enrichment**

Winter session has started, however there are still a few of the classes open for registration because they are not yet full. The classes are Photography sessions II and III, Improv session II, Mask Making, Yo-yo session II, advanced jump rope and Origami.

It was suggested that Catie send out a mass email to let people know that there is still availability. Due to the snow the week that registration was due, some people may have forgotten or not signed up because they did not know their schedule for the February/March timeframe.

### **Spring Fundraiser**

The spring fundraiser is in the planning process. The event will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Kingstad in Beaverton. It will be a social night, a comedy event and a check writing campaign all together.

A question was raised regarding how the check writing campaign will work. That has not been finalized as of yet, the committee has not talked to the comedian about their show and rules they follow. They do know it will all be in fun and the goal is to have a good time. (However, please start to save the \$1,000 you plan to donate that day. ☺) Please let your friends and family know that while it is a fundraiser the goal is to have a good turnout, have a good time and everyone is welcome to attend.

Class baskets will not be for Auction at the Spring Fundraiser, however are slated to be available at the end of the year carnival. Jill has agreed to organize the class baskets. Lisa Lewis who has organized this for the past few years will be mentoring her. They are in the process of talking to the room parents and getting the projects started.

Regarding the carnival, Michelle Woodworth will not be at MW next year and so we need to identify a person willing to take on the carnival planning that could shadow Michelle this year.

### **Principals Report**

Vicki reported on the first practice run of the OAKS test is this month for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The final test will be in late April/early May. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has a practice test in the fall and will also have the final test at the end of the year. The best of the two scores will be taken.

The plan for the make up of the snow days for TTSD has been finalized and is the same districtwide. Jan 30<sup>th</sup> and March 13 will both be school days, the teacher training and conferences have been cancelled. Then at the end of the school year three additional days will be added onto the schedule, June 12, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>. If we have any more snow days, they will be added at the end of the school year.

As stated, there will be no formal spring conferences, if you want to meet with your child's teacher to get an update, please contact the teacher individually.

The math adoption process is underway. There are samples of the two curriculums at the school for staff and parent review. Please come to the school and look at the curriculum, if you call ahead the school will have them available in the library. Please allow time to look over them thoroughly, there is a feedback form to fill out for the district to use during the adoption process. Each teacher is also filling out the feedback sheet. The issues with the middle and high school math program are making people a little edgy, to please if you have any concerns, be a part of the process. On Monday, January 26 at 6:30 in the TTSD board room the district curriculum committee will present math adoption at the Elementary level.

For the first time in a few years, budget reductions are being considered, the principals are starting to discuss the possibilities. This does not mean there will be budget cuts, but it is a change from the prior few years where there was not any talk at all about budget cuts. TTSD is currently looking at resources and potential changes they may have to make in the coming years.

DIEBLS testing is next Thursday, 1-22-09.

There is a Chess Tournament Thursday 1-15-09, as well as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade traditions night. The Portland Lumberjacks were here recently and demonstrated and practiced Lacrosse and dressed up the kids. They are going to have a MW Lacrosse game night next Friday. For children interested in Lacrosse there is the Tigard Lacrosse League that is having sign ups on Thursday at Fowler.

Meeting Adjourned 9:45AM.

