

PSO Meeting  
February 9, 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 January 2009 meeting were read and approved. One change from the January meeting is that the make up days for snow had changed. There will not be a change in school days off during the school year, the make up days for snow days will be added to the end of the year, the last day of school will now be June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report**

Sandra Jones reported on our budget, this past month amounts were paid out for the yearbook and the spring fundraiser. We received money about \$700 from Albertsons and \$800 from Box Tops. There was also a Biztown donation given from someone in the school.

**Volunteer Coordinator**

Catie Stedman reported that there were 5 new volunteers in January, we are up 35 from last year. Volunteer hours worked in January were 213.3 and the total for the year is 5314.2 hours. Thank you volunteers! Making of new name badges is done for the year, the laminator has been put back in the loft.

There are some open positions currently for next year, newsletter, assistant treasurer and carnival are all open positions if anyone is interested or knows of someone who is.

**Committee Reports**

**Art Lit**

This month the genre is Pop Art and the children are going to be making sculptures. Art lit is going well, the volunteers are doing a great job.

**Boy Scout Liaison**

Pam reported for the liaison that there was a meeting held at MW in January, nothing new to report.

**Specialty Fundraiser**

Amy brown reported on the status of the specialty fundraisers. She has not received the funds raised from Pasta Veloce as of yet. Pasta Veloce appreciated all the business and people coming in to support both the school and their business, it has been a bit slow lately. In February, the fundraiser is Max's Public House in downtown Tigard.

Another reminder that as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, the Albertsons cards will expire and each person will have to go online and relink their Albertsons card to Mary Woodward.

**Science Fair**

There are going to be 179 participants this year, and will need over 20 volunteers. The committee is in need of some more reviewers so if anyone is interested please contact Tracy. One reason for such a good turnout at the science fair this year is due to promotion by the staff, the entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade is required to participate this year.

**Carnival**

HELP!!! Michelle needs help on the committee this year as most of the committee from years past have graduated. It would also be great for someone to shadow her this year as it is her last year to do the carnival. One area where help is needed is ticket sales, both presale and at the event.

The event is going to be May 29, from 4:30-8:30. Davidson's will be back this year with the outside dinner. The event company who brings the blow up also wants to bring a ride. We are looking into that possibility and considering insurance, etc.

**Spring Fundraiser**

Invites for the spring fundraiser will be sent out at the end of the month – the event is not an auction but a "Party with a purpose" There will be some silent auction items and we will also be asking for donations at the event.

There will be more information to come next month.

## **Principals Report**

Vickie opened with an update on the school budget, unfortunately there will definitely be budget cuts. State funding is down to a level below where it has ever been. The first concrete information is coming approximately 2/20 regarding changes for this school year. Next, in May the budget cuts for next school year will be announced. The Budget committee has been running scenarios so they will be prepared with their options when they find out the actual amount of the budget cut.

The schools also need to be prepared that things are going to change. School funding for K-12 is 43% of the state budget, since it is such a large portion of the state budget there will definitely be an impact. In TTSD 80% of the cost is associated with personnel, which includes salaries, benefits, most of the money is spent on people. The Local Option Levy that passed this November will definitely help relieve some of the deficit. In addition TTSD has a rainy day fund that can be used if needed, that said, we have to be careful how and when we use the savings because we need to make sure it lasts for as long as we may need it. It costs \$335K to run the district for a day that is approximately \$1 million dollars over three days.

Some areas that may be impacted, class sizes may change, # teachers, special programs, no substitutes for secretaries through the end of the year. It is unknown how and when exactly the school year will change. It is also unknown if this will impact the math program that is being considered for adoption. One possibility is to shorten the school year, however that requires a change in the contracts of the staff. There was a question regarding a 4-day school week, TTSD has not been considering that, it would be an absolute last resort.

Regarding the PSO budget in relation to the budget cuts, Beaverton schools have already cut from their budget, parties, field trips etc. For the budget next year we will have to determine what will be paid for in what order. Communication this summer will be very important to adjust for changes in the budget and the needs of the school. The PSO budget may be adjusted as well. Currently we have made good purchases with items that are not consumables that the school could use for a long time, that leaves the school in a very good position.

Please put general information regarding budget cuts in the Newsletter so people know what to expect. Also, please check with Vickie on any rumors that go around to help stop them. MW cannot be treated differently than any other schools.

The Tigard Tualatin Foundation is conducting their annual Fundraiser this month, this is not to be confused with the Mary Woodward Spring fundraiser that will be held in April. Regarding the TTSD Foundation, Mary Woodward has always done well on the annual Phone-a-thon, this year in lieu of a Phone-a-thon they are including alternative ways to raise donations. You can patronize businesses that will be listed in the Friday flier and the businesses will donate a portion of their proceeds to the TTSD Foundation. As of Friday 2/6 there has been \$285 collected – envelopes are available in the office to donate.

The children are going to a play this week at the Broadway Rose called “Mercer Girls” Permission slips will be required for all children.

Regarding DIEBLS, over 20% of the kids did not meet, we are not quite at 89%. On the OAKS the kids are doing great- the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have completed a practice run and have done very well.

## **New Business**

Pam reminded the committee and Board to check their file folders to be sure everything has been noted. She also would like to stress the importance of making good notes on what you are doing this year to leave a good solid history for people to follow when you are gone. If you rely on donations for your committee they need to be included in your budget so future Chairs know to expect this.

Regarding the budget, we are not looking for a profit or loss, but to be at break even after all the income and expenses are taken into account. Profits are ok, but within the committees we are trying to avoid deficit spending.

There was a question regarding the auction baskets. It was reported Jill has offered to chair the baskets. There has been an initial meeting to look for parent help in assembling the baskets. There is not enough time to complete these for the spring fundraiser so they will be part of the carnival. They are a very good community builder within the classroom.

There was a question regarding changing the dates for end of year activities since the make up snow days have been added onto the end of the school year. Do we need to change dates such as field day, etc. Per Vickie these have been moved to the following:

Friday 6/12 – K field day; 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration.

Tuesday 6/16 - Field day for grades 1-5.

Wednesday 6/17 – Regular day

Thursday 6/18 – ½ day

Meeting Adjourned 10:00AM.