

PSO Meeting
March 9, 2009
Mary Woodward Cafeteria, 9:00AM

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

Pam welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes from the February 2009 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Sandra Jones reported on our budget, this past month. We received approximately \$250 from Pasta Veloce and \$167.40 from Ceramic Café. We also received employer matches from the Jog-a-thon totaling \$197. The major payout last month was the down payment to the swim center for the 5th grade party.

Volunteer Coordinator

Catie Stedman reported that there were three new volunteers in February and volunteer hours worked so far for the year was about 6800. This is about 1000 hours less from the same time frame last year which does not seem correct. Please make sure you are signing in and logging your hours and log any hours you work at home. The district also keeps track of how schools are doing with volunteers. Also, please touch base with your committee members to ensure they are logging their hours as well.

There are still some open positions for next year, we need to fill the spots in May so please let us know if you or any one you know is interested.

Committee Reports

Art Lit

The artist this month has just been sent to the volunteers. Pop art went fantastically last month.

Science Fair

There were approximately 150 participants and 40 volunteers. The projects were diverse and participants did a super job with presentation of their findings. The fair was very well attended. Several teachers helped review projects after school which was very helpful. Lots of efficient parents helped setup, take down and review projects. We will write than you notes to volunteers soon.

Carnival

Things have been humming along. Michelle is going to start ramping up and getting the booth reps organized. Each classroom needs one. The rental activities are booked. It will likely require parent signature. Clowns unlimited is where we rent the activity from, it will take seven people at a time to run the activity, so we will need a bunch of dads to help. There was some concern as to why parents and not clowns unlimited were running the activity? Michelle will look into this.

There will be a live band. Jason Moore will be playing from 6:30-8:30.

Executive Board Search

Natasha has been trying to recruit people for the executive board committee. Amy Brown has committed to be the assistant treasurer. On suggestion has been made to have a president and president elect work for 2 years as it takes at least one year learn everything about the position.

Auction Baskets

Jill reported there would be a meeting for parents to get ideas for class baskets. There are still many classrooms without volunteers. The meeting will be March 12, at 9AM. It was decided to put out fliers to recruit volunteers for the class baskets at conferences in the classes that do not yet have volunteers.

Spring Fundraiser

Planning is going well, it is going to be a fun night! There will be limited silent auction all donated items including the reader board, vacation houses, principal for a day and the parade of desserts. All donations are by word of mouth.

Principals Report

Vickie reported there have been five new students enrolled in the school this past week. Would it be possible for the PSO to call these families to say hello and welcome them to the school.

The Audubon Society event was amazing. They brought two types of owls, raven, a turkey vulture and a peregrine falcon. It was an event to show appreciation for donors and to raise additional funds for the Foundation. It was an amazing program and would be recommended for an enrichment program next year. This would be a great tie in as the Audubon is one of the artists for Art Lit next year. Vickie would like to thank Mandy Sims for her hard work, for this event and all her work for the foundation.

Thursday Fowler music is coming over for a concert, the choir, band and orchestra.

Next Thursday is the 5th grade program, state report and concert at 7pm.

The middle school transition process is changing. The meeting for the first piece of the transition process is April 1 at 6:30. It is for both parents and fifth graders.

Budget update – Great News, there will be no impact this year. There will not be any teachers released and no days will be omitted. The district is using slush fund, stimulus money and other funds available. The last day of school will still be 6/18. Impacts to the schools are that discretionary funds have been frozen and the district has cut some personnel, operations and part time staff.

On May first the forecast be available to see the impact on the budget that will be completed by July 1. They are currently working out scenarios. TTSD is in better shape than other districts due to the local levy, and a rainy day fund.

There has been a question with the lunch numbering system. Kids are frustrated because they do not know why their numbers are reduced or what they are doing wrong. There are tents with numbers 5,4,3,2 and 1 so the kids have a visual of how their tables are behaving. Everyone starts at 5 and numbers drop lower for being loud. The 5's get to go to recess first.

To clear up any confusion Holly will go to the classrooms and go over the process with students again. There seems to be a wall between students and the enforcer. One problem is the 5th grade tables have been moved so the noise carries more and they staff is being harder on the 5th graders.

New Business

On behalf on Nancy Ross and the staff they wanted to say thank you for the innovative grant, there are now binoculars, bird, bug and other books and kits available for teachers to use in the garden. The kids are really enjoying learning about nature.

There is a week in April that is internet safety week. There will be a magazine handed out to families. Tigard police may come and talk about this.

One positive thing happened. There was a check sent to the print shop awhile ago that the district lost. They said we could keep the money if we give it to the kids and not absorb it in our budget. The executive board reviewed the needs and decided to give it to the library so they could purchase the current year's award winning books since their budget as been frozen.

Meeting Adjourned 9:50AM.