

PSO Meeting
March 14, 2011
Mary Woodward Cafeteria, 9:00am

Board Members: Jill Weinstein, Deborah Anderson, Heidi Weinkauff, Jenna Smith, Yvette Baker

Jill welcomes everyone to the meeting. The minutes from February were read and approved.

Spring Fundraiser:

The event got good reviews. It was fun, the venue was great, and the food was good. A few "Thank You's" still need to be written. There were some suggestions for the Wine Wall since this was the first year that was done. We made, after expenses, \$20,292. We also raised \$2,350 for the screen in the cafeteria.

Science Fair:

The event had to be rescheduled due to the snow day but it turned out great. Everyone showed up and it went smooth.

Family Events:

There were 96 people total in attendance for the Mother/Son Magic Show and Pizza event. There wasn't much interaction between the Mom's and Son's though. It was suggested that the magic show start earlier but the time was filled with cartoons that the boy's watched. There were also very few reminders of the event coming up. Durham Elementary has a good turn out for their Mother/Son event, which is called "Junko."

Carnival:

It will take place this year on Friday June 3rd. We need volunteers to take on ticket sales and decorations. The theme this year will be 3-Ring Circus and there will be some neat events.

Art Literacy:

The China paper fans are coming down and Edvard Munch portraits are going up. They are bright and colorful and a lot of fun. We are sending some of the China paper fans to the district office for display.

Enrichment:

The list of classes for the Spring are: Ceramics, Dodgeball, Drawing, Lego Construction, Computer Game Creation, Mad Science, and Hip Hop Jazz Dance. The Dodgeball class will probably be very popular because Dodgeball is not allowed to be played at recess or in PE.

Box Tops:

We raised \$100 in February. The current contest ends Wednesday and the winning class will be announced after Spring Break. It will be a popcorn and jellybean party. For the last contest, the winning class will get a dress-up day (theme will be voted on in class) and cupcakes. It will be in June.

Specialty Fundraisers:

On Sunday April 3rd an event at My Masterpiece Art Studio will be held from noon-4pm and we will get 50% of all sales. It was suggested that could be a great event to make Mother's Day gifts. Flyers will be sent out this week. It generally costs between \$10-\$16 per art piece and you are basically just buying the supplies. You can go back to the studio to finish up your work. The Portland Bagel Company has offered to host an event where we will get 10% of all sales. This will be in April before Easter. They would also like to display some of the Art Lit artwork in the shop. A call has been put into Burgerville. Pasta Pronto might be an option for May. Cold Stone was also suggested. Also, since we are no longer getting money from Albertsons (because they discontinued the school donation program) it was suggested that we contact them for donations for end of year parties, gift cards, pre-orders for pop, etc. Max's Fanno Creek Pub was brought up as another suggestion for a venue but in the past, the service and food hasn't been good. Lastly, Red Robin by Washington Square was another suggestion for a venue. The Specialty Fundraisers chair position will be open next year.

Volunteer Coordinator:

Hours are still good. Please email if you are not going to continue your position next year.

Yearbook:

The layout is halfway done. April 15th is the deadline. This year parents will be able to order their yearbooks online.

Staff Appreciation:

There will be a lunch this Thursday for the staff because it is a conference day and St. Patrick's day as well.

Principal's Report:

This is a short week because of conferences on Thursday and teacher training on Friday. Then Spring Break is the following week. We are not sure if it made sense for the district to attach the conference day and teacher training day to the week prior to Spring Break because of lack of parent availability for conferences. The 5th grade music program and state fair project is Tuesday night. They've put a lot of work into the projects and it will be a fun evening. Please take a look at the district website for the most up to date information on budget cuts. Please provide input and respond to the suggestions. At the elementary level, there are so few options for cuts. The principal has been in the school district since 1981 and has seen the steady % decline for schools due to Ballot 5 in 1990/91. Money keeps increasing for laws, incarceration, and social services while the money stays the same for the schools. There will be a 9.5 million cut for our school district. Please contact Richard Devlin, Oregon State Legislature senator, for our district (sen.richarddevlin@state.or.us. or 503-986-1719) with your thoughts, suggestions, and opinions regarding this matter. The committee wants to have 4 furlough days next year, which equates to \$385,000/day or roughly 1.5 million in savings. Our kids need to be in school and not have reduced days. Please don't send in form letters, make them personal. There will be a bond measure in May for 2 schools that need roofs and technology expenses. We need a licensed person to run our technology department and that might be cut next year. Seems as though they are taking turns on our specials because last year it was PE and Music that had cuts. The budget will be completed by early April. There was an article in the Oregonian over the weekend about the budget issues in our district. Currently in 1st grade there are 27 kids per class. In the 5th grade classes there are 30 because the rooms are bigger. Kindergarten Roundup went well last week and there are about 50+ kids registered so far. If we can get to 60 then we can have 3 classes. This will be the first year for a lottery for the full day kindergarten. If there is enough, we might be able to have 2 full day classes. A question was asked if there would be a teacher strike after Spring Break. The teachers are in negotiations right now and have passed mediation. The high school kids are being drawn into this issue but the elementary kids are generally unaware anything is going on. The teachers at our school should not bring up these issues with our students.

President's Report:

Please go to the district website and provide your input regarding the budget issues. It was suggested we offer Richard Devlin's contact information in the school newsletter and the PSO newsletter. Just use appropriate wording. Open committee positions will be advertised for next year after Spring Break.

Treasurer's Report:

Not much activity. Deposits have been made from the Spring Fundraiser. The money earned from Jog A Thon and the Spring Fundraiser goes towards the 2011/12 school year. It looks like we will break even with the budget at the end of the year. The goal for the Spring Fundraiser was \$25,000 so we were a little short. However, money is coming in bit by bit (company matches) and the budget should be fine.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55am.