

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

Board Members Present: Natasha Ryan, Jill Weinstein, Lisa Stroud, Deborah Anderson, Kathy Belden

Natasha welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual was reviewed and the following items were noted:

The main income for the year so far is from the Jog-a-thon, however, not all the money has been collected yet, there is still outstanding pledges and employer matching gifts. Regarding expenses, we have paid funds for the document cameras, bus fund, field trips, team funds, instructional assistants and room parent supplies. All items have been paid out according to the budget with the exception of teacher support. In the past teacher support has been a set \$250 per classroom. With fewer classrooms this year, however larger class sizes we wanted to keep the support the same on a per student basis. Any classroom over 25 students has received an extra \$10 per student.

### **Volunteer Coordinator**

So far this year we have 579 volunteer hours recorded, this is less than has actually likely volunteered and also than last year at this time. Please remember to log your hours and also log them in if you work from home. A reminder will be sent out at the end of the month and will also include a link to update your profile in the system. The carnival has some people interested in chairing and working on this committee, we are waiting on their confirmation.

### **Staff Appreciation**

Next week during the conferences we are providing lunch for the staff. We are looking for two more soups and a salad for next weeks teacher luncheon during conferences.

### **Yearbook**

They are currently working on page formats. The committee this year asked for a photographer for each classroom, to help photograph parties, etc to try to get everyone in a picture. Please label any pictures submitted to get every child in once and not a lot of duplicates.

### **Missoula Children's Theater**

There are 36 children signed up so far, and they would like to have more up to 60 students can participate. We did not get the Deb Fennel Auditorium this year, it was already booked and the Broadway Rose has remodeling scheduled that week. This year the play is going to be in the cafeteria. It was booked already and Broadway Rose is actually have remodeling planned that week. Can have up to 60 students participate. There was a suggestion to send message out through help counter letting people know there is still space available.

### **Book Fair**

At the book fair, there will be a guessing game for kids of how many fortune cookies in a box. The main attraction is Vicki volunteered to dress up each morning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday so the kids can guess "Where in the world is Vicki from?" We also invited grandparents to come on

Wednesday to visit the book fair, this allows us to earn an incentive from the company. Finally we NEED VOLUNTEERS, only one person has signed up for clean up on Friday and other volunteers are needed Monday and Thursday.

### **Specialty Fundraiser**

22 families have signed up for the PACE program so far.

### **Jog-a-thon**

The event went fabulous this year, the rain held off until 5 minutes after the last runners cleared the field. Currently we are in the collection phase to get all the envelopes in this week. This year there was a great group of volunteers, many 5th grade parents but also a lot of good new people. Robin thanked all her volunteers.

Pledge amount on paper on the day of the Jog-a-Thon was approximately \$30,100. Thursday of last week received so far \$23,900, this is about 75% of students who said they were bringing pledge money in. The remaining 25% is expected to bring in approximately \$8,000 in pledge funds. This was an event pretty much everyone participated in, only 72 out of 500 kids did not make a commitment to bring pledges. For the kids who did not turn in pledges, a second envelope was sent home on Jog-a-thon day listing how many laps the child ran. Of those kids, 18 turned the envelope back in with donations totaling almost \$600. The average pledge was about \$70 per child. It looks like we will hit our goal and we are very fortunate, other Jog-a-thon chairs have reported funds being off this year. Rice, Zell and Sheffels were the classrooms that earned popcorn parties.

### **Art Lit**

Over 70 volunteers signed up on back to school night, every classroom has volunteers. There are lots of new volunteers, 2 more dads, one grandmother and one grandfather. Orientation meeting was last Tuesday. The Art Lit program has a request for the PSO, the School District wants all schools to transfer to new technology, we currently use slide projectors. The goal is for each school to have a laptop dedicated to their Art Lit program, either a Windows or a Mac, and an Espon projector. Some schools have made this transition, other schools are in the process of purchasing a projector.

### **Family events**

Family events in in the process of planning movie night. There are some questions and the committee will meet with Natasha to find the person to answer the various questions.

### **Principals Report**

On behalf of school and staff, they were delighted with the Jog-a-thon this year. It was low impact on the staff, but provides a great return and the kids and everyone really enjoy it. Katy Smith put on Eagle costume for one grade level this year, however we'd suggest to have the Eagle for all grades next year, it really excited the children.

Last weekend 50 Ambassadors from Mary Woodward and Alberta Rider were here for a reforestation project with City of Tigard. There is a major reforestation project in the wetlands behind the MW Garden. The city of Tigard has streams that don't run clean enough, so they took out all of the non native plants and planted native plants. If you look behind garden, hundreds of new trees and bushes have been planted. In addition, the school would like to thank the PSO for supporting the garden. Last week international group came to look at the garden and decided to have 4H group classes here on the weekend.

Site council meets tomorrow - still looking for parent representative or two to join the site council. If you are interested please talk to Vicki.

Conferences are coming up next weekend, they are planning conferences to talk both about the child's strengths and about goals to work on this school year.

First enrichment assembly is coming up, Body Vox is October 28th, they are a dramatic group with movement and music.

Tag orientation is Tuesday night in the music room at 7pm.

The staff would also like to thank the PSO decision to add \$10 per child in classrooms with more than 25 students, being responsive to the bigger class sizes is really appreciated.

Tax referendum coming up, know what the measures mean before you vote. Schools are counting on the additional tax revenue. The district has been proactive and made cuts with the possibility of getting more money in January so we want this to pass. The question was raised as to why music was brought back instead of PE? This is because PE offered at higher grades and music is elective after 5th grade, so in order to be sure to get music instruction, elementary school is the time.

### **Presidents Report**

There is a meeting this Thursday with Margie Green and Rob Saxton regarding Bridging the Gap, if anyone has any questions for them, please let Natasha know.

A few parents are suggesting a program implemented at some other schools. It is a running/ walking program at recess and volunteers track the laps the kids do around a set course. The kids have goal of doing a marathon 26.2 miles and at the end they get a t-shirt. They are suggesting implementing a program, run by volunteers to do this. It would be another organized activity for kids only if they choose to participate. This would be an enhancement to and not interfere with the get moving cards by Mrs. Neimi.

Copier the PSO and school is working together on a solution regarding the copier. Last year there was a copier contributed, but it does not work. We may purchase a new one, but right now are talking with the school about a possible agreement to use their copier.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20.