

PSO Meeting
March 11, 2013
Mary Woodward Library 8:30 a.m.

Board Members: Erin Farquhar, Karen Emerson, Judy Swiger, Cheryl Payne, Jill Weinstein

Karen welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order.

February 11, 2013 Minutes reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Report: Jo-a-thon had another \$288 come in. Our first CD came through. Family events looks negative but deposits will be made shortly. We now have an Etrade brokerage account we are adding to our books. Call Cheryl if you have questions about Etrade.

Committee Reports

Carnival: We still need a person to chair it to make sure everything coordinates. Heidi Weinkauf will do concessions. Heidi Billings will help with a job when the need arises. This year we are going change the time from 4:30-8:30 to 5:00-8:30 pm. The food cut off time will remain the same and that will be at 8. The other change we are making this year is there will be no more 10 cents or less consolation prizes if you don't win a game. The theme this year is Mary Woodward's Wacky Wild West Carnival. We will need a lot of help with set up the night before and the day of.

Culture Fair: April 26th is the Culture Fair; it will be from 4-7pm. Decorations are up in the cafeteria. Local restaurants are donating food. The big push is to help people understand this is a community event for everybody; all cultures are welcome. There will be kid performers, such as, Taiko drummers and Indian dancers. They really need a volunteer for ticket pre-sales. The tickets will be 50 cents each and will get people sample portions of food (1 ticket = 1 sample). There is a need for adults to volunteer to pick up food from the restaurants, and wander around to supervise ambassadors/high school kids who are manning tables and help give people breaks during the event. If there is anyone who has a food/recipe they want to make, they are welcome to donate food in mini samples to share at the fair. Mrs. Krebs will be sending out a flyer looking for help.

Auction: Karen attended the recent staff meeting to make sure the basket projects were underway and to see of any of them would donate time to spend with kids. Class baskets will be displayed in entryway. Donations of all kinds are really needed. Invites will be going out soon. Credit card machine will be there for check in and check out, but not for ticket purchase. Staff can come for free but will need to pay for a date. There will be child care at Westside gymnastics the night of the auction.

Family Events: They are thinking about changing the name of the event because not all kids have both parents and it caused issues for some kids. Make it a daughter dance for example. The dances were great. Father/daughter dance had a 104 families and the mother/son sock hop had 45 families turn out. The DJ was good. There was a lot of left over cake; the cookies went over better.

Box Tops/Labels: Wednesday is the cut-off for box top collection. There will be popcorn and jelly bean parties for the top 3 classes. Karen is resigning from Box Tops/Labels, Health Screening and Picture Day for next year.

Scrip: Next turn in date is March 18th. The current order form is on the website.

Science Fair: The fair went really well, with 180 kids participating. Kids loved the airplane and super ball activities in the gym. Some of the parents said they enjoyed reviewing the projects, because it was less crowded and they were able to get a better look at the projects.

Volunteer Coordinator: Volunteer hours for January '13 are 795 and in '12 we had 830 hours. In February we had 905 volunteer hours and in '12 we had 955. Numbers are down, so make sure you are signing into the computer at the front office and also putting hours in that you do at home. These numbers get turned in and they can make a difference. Available committee chair positions for the 2013-2014 school year are Jog-a-thon, Box Tops/Labels, Holiday Bazaar, Ice Cream Social, Health Screening, Carnival and Picture Day. Missoula Children's Theatre was open and is now filled for next year by Jenny Herman.

Staff Appreciation: The next event is the conference lunch in March. We still need of fruit to be brought in. May 7th is Staff Appreciation Week. Laura will need help when it gets closer. Thank you for helping us spread our wings is the theme with a butterfly motif.

Specialty Fundraiser: Red Robin should be the next event. Valley Theatre info is going out this week.

Art Literacy: The tile mural will be in lobby during the gallery, which will be May 13-24. The Broadway Rose, a local theatre, will have two productions this summer based on Snow White and The Jungle Book. They are having a contest that will be out soon where kids make an illustration for a poster for one of the two plays. Two kids per grade can win and they will each receive a bag of art supplies and possibly other prizes.

Principal Report: Tuesday, March 19th, there will be an open house for the Alberta Rider families who are affected by the new boundaries between Bull Mountain Road and Gaarde . Any new families moving to the area will be enrolled in Mary Woodward, effective immediately.

Our budget will be affected by the PERS change. The local levy option is hurting us due to decreased property values. Tigard-Tualatin has had to use the rainy day fund and it is about gone, so we no longer have that as a cushion. There is an expected 4-7% cut to our budget. There is not much more left to cut, options being looked at are decreasing office staff hours, bigger classes, less music and physical education and reduced hours for counselors and the principal. Another option our district has been able to avoid but is looking at now, is furlough days. In April, we should know more about what next year will look like.

There were 43 families at the kindergarten round-up. We know there are some new first graders coming from private schools. We have an approximate idea on how many families will be coming due to boundary adjustments we had about 25 families show up at family/informational night a couple weeks ago. Right now, 5th grade is at the high end for the maximum amount of kids we can have per grade, and 4th grade is at the low end of class size. The target ration is 1 teacher per 33 students, with a cushion of 3 above or 3 below before staff can be added for 4th and 5th grade classes. A candidate has been chosen for our new superintendent. The position will be filled by Ernie Brown, who is currently the human resources director. He is a great guy great guy, who has a lot of experience and history with in our school district. He will officially start this summer.

President's Report: The 3rd Annual Caring Closet, Stuff the Bus will be held April 15-26. The MW Ambassadors will be collecting donations. The kick off assembly for this will be in the morning, due to the Culture Fair being the same day.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:42 am