

PSO Meeting
May 13, 2013
Mary Woodward Cafeteria 8:30 a.m.

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

Erin welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order.

April 8, 2013 Minutes reviewed and will be revised.

Guest Speaker, Dan Busch, Fowler Middle School Principal: He is new to the school this year. Mr. Nihill has two kids attending there. Transitions are big at the middle school level because every year 1/3 of the school are new students coming in and 1/3 are going out. Mr. Busch is visiting Mary Woodward because he likes the 5th graders to know who the principal is and give them an idea of what is going to happen between now and the start of next year. His goal is to put any fears to rest for the parents and kids by giving them the opportunity to ask questions. Fifth graders will take a tour of Fowler and be able to ask questions there as well. There will be a parent meeting June 5th and an ice cream night for 6th grade only day. Tomorrow night there is a PSO meeting at Fowler at 6:30 there are about 3 evening meetings a year. There will be a change in the structure because team teaching has a higher cost and it is hard to keep the teams together with the fluctuation of numbers so Fowler is looking at having a Language Arts/Social Studies 90 minute block and those three 6th grade teachers will meet in regards to their reading and writing instead of having meetings with science, math, and language arts. In the meeting the teachers will discuss curriculum, how students are doing academically and what to do to help them achieve. This way, the Language Arts/Social Studies teachers will all be teaching the same lessons across the 6th grade instead of teaching different things per team.

Treasurer Report: The Spring Fundraiser money was placed in the wrong column so it will be moved from Carnival Making the net income \$33,439. Yearbook is a little over budget because a payment was made on this year's budget from last year and we overpaid by one payment. Culture Fair shows a negative but they generated \$13,000 with a budget of \$500 to spend. E*TRADE account anonymous family donated \$18,194.00.

Volunteer Coordinator: April volunteer hours were 1,008 and last year we were at 847. Dibels needs two volunteers spots filled. The open board position is President Elect and open committees are: Book Fair, Jog-a-thon, Health Screening, Picture Day, Holiday Bazaar, Box Tops/Labels and Specialty Fundraising.

Committee Reports

Carnival: Burgerville is donating 100 gift cards for milkshakes. Are there ideas on how we want to distribute them? Paint days start Wednesday. Booth reps are taken care of.

Field Day: Is on Monday the 10th, except kinders are on the 7th. A popsicles donation is being worked on; we might have to pay as in the past years. We still need a few volunteers. If there are any leftover drinks from carnival, we would like to give them to the volunteers.

Auction: There are still a few outstanding expenses. We did reach the \$28,000 net. There were 139 people in attendance. There are still 3 events with openings if people want to sign up. There are also 5 auction items available, plus the logo car decals if there is any interest. The Paddle Raise raised \$4000 for playground equipment. We have an Auction Committee for next year. We are going to try and have the auction in February next year.

Box Tops/Labels: We collected 11,714 Box Tops and 5,172 Labels; that is almost \$1200 for next year's budget. This is just under where we were last year at this time (12,269 and 6155). The last contest ends May 31.

Scrip: 2 dates left

Staff Appreciation: It was a great week. There were flower bouquets, the breakfast was well received, ice cream on Friday had a low turnout.

Specialty Fundraiser: Berry Farm Yogurt, is owned by a local couple. Our night is June 5th. The location is by Woo's Open Kitchen, next to Thriftway. Red Robin night will hopefully be at the end of May.

Art Literacy: The gallery is open. There is a permanent display in the lobby. Broadway Rose is finishing up. Stepping down from the committee will be Cami and Margie.

Yearbook: Is currently on sale until all are sold. They are \$16 until the 31st and \$20 after that. We have brought in \$2000+.

Cultural Fair: This was a huge success over 70 kids participated, 20 families hosted booths, crafts and games, over 100 volunteers helped man the fair, and over 20 businesses donated food, which was then sold to raise money for next year's fair. It was an amazing event with varied food and performances ranging from bagpipes to Korean drums and the Korean Fan Dance to the African Marimbas'.

Elections: We still need a President Elect. All in favor of Karen Emerson as President, Cheryl Payne as Treasurer, Judy Swiger as Secretary, and Jill Weinstein as Volunteer Coordinator passed. There was no one opposed.

Principal Report: I put out a letter a few weeks ago for raised lead in the water. Two rooms showed higher levels than acceptable in rooms 3 &4 or 5 &6. Pipes have been flushed and rooms are at acceptable levels and they make sure the pipes are flushed out every morning. Levels were higher possibly due to some rooms not getting much use.

District Budget cuts have been reduced from about 4% to 2%, most of which will be at the high school level, so there should not be an increase in class size for us. We should get enough kinders over the summer to add another ½ day kindergarten. The Special Ed Director took a new position in Minnesota; the Curriculum Director and the HR Director will all be new people.

President's Report: Thanks everyone for all of their help this year and have a good summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Addendum: Over the summer, a decision had to be made about the Riso machine. It was not working and we needed to decide on a tune-up or purchasing a new one. Due to cost and age of the machine, we voted via email and decided a tune-up was the best course of action.