

PSO Meeting
January 14, 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.

November 26, 2012 Minutes reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Report: The \$500 that went to DARE needs to be reallocated, possibly to a new deck in the garden or towards a new play structure. We received \$899 from Box Tops and \$615 from corporate matches for the Jog –a-Thon.

Auction: The date of the Mary Woodward Auction is Saturday, April 20th. It will be held at the Tualatin Country Club. There will be a Wine Wall and the Parade of Desserts. We will have classroom baskets, a paddle raise and beads again this year. Child care will be available at Westside Gymnastics and Dance Academy and they will provide pizza for the kids. Anybody who has connections or ideas where they can get donations or anyone who would like to donate items to the auction are encouraged to do so!

Family Events: The next event is the father/daughter dance on March 1st. They are looking at possibly getting a new photographer. The mother/son event is scheduled for March 8th and they are looking at something more active.

Box Tops/Labels: The top three classes for the last contest were Scheffels, Bell and Zell. The current contest started the 7th and will end March 13th. The top classes will get popcorn and jelly bean parties. There was a bonus sheet in the Jan. 6th Oregonian worth an extra 600 points.

Volunteer Coordinator: We need people for the carnival if it is going to happen. A handful of parents have volunteered to do some of the jobs. Positions that have not been filled are tickets, decorations and entertainment.

Scrip: Today is the only day for the month of January to buy Scrip. They can be turned in until 2:30 pm.

Science Fair: The assembly went great. They are in need of volunteers to help set up and take down. They are going to ask if the Ambassadors might be willing to do evaluations. There will be vendors there with booth. So far Mad Science and PGE will have a booth there may be others who have not committed yet.

Face Book: It is now up and running; we have over 30 friends. If there is anything you want put on face book, let Melia Martin know (melia_nicole@hotmail.com) and she will post it.

Staff Appreciation: Cookie plates went really well. Volunteers came through in the end, so we were able to give the bus drivers cookies too. The next staff appreciation will be pot luck during conferences in March.

Specialty Fundraiser: We don't have the total \$ amount from the Piccolo Mundi fundraiser. With an hour left approximately 20 + people had shown up. The next fundraiser is Wednesday, February 6th at California Pizza Kitchen.

Phone-a-thon: Margie Green explained this is the biggest annual fundraiser The Foundation has. This year it is February 26, 27, & 28. Any money raised is split between all of the Tigard-Tualatin Schools. The phone-a-thon is held at Hazelbrook Middle School, where training and dinner are provided, as well as the opportunity to win prizes. We do have the option of doing the phone-a-thon at Mary Woodward with only Mary Woodward parents making calls. Callers are given the option of calling parents from the school their child goes to or parents from other schools. People who make a donation in advance of the fundraiser, you can have your name taken off of the call list.

Enrichment: No report, but we know it is happening.

Holiday Bazaar: No report, but people who attended said it looked busy.

Principal's Report: Mr. Nihill shared a Parenting Boys Workshop conducted by Dan Busch, the principal at Fowler Middle School. The thought is we may hold a workshop for interested parents in the spring. In response to the recent shootings, there has been a lot of discussion on how to keep our kids safe at school. The front entryway has had stanchions with a sign put up to remind parents if they are entering the building and going past the office, they MUST sign-in even if they are only doing a quick drop off. Staff has

been asked to be very diligent in making sure everyone is wearing some sort of badge/identification. It is also ok for parents to be diligent in making sure adults in the school are wearing identification. The back door from the playground that used to be left unlocked is now locked at all times. Parents have asked if the front door can be kept locked all day and the district is looking into it. Classrooms that don't have doors have hallway doors that are kept in the lock position for a teacher to close in the case of an emergency and the district is looking at possibly putting doors on those classrooms at a later date. The district has a committee assigned to look at each schools individual needs and come up with the best plan for each school. Parents with any ideas in regards to this topic are welcome to email Mr. Nihill. Boundary changes will be coming this summer and Mary Woodward should be getting more kids, as our numbers are down and we have room. Kids already attending other elementary schools will have the option of staying at the school they are in now or coming to Mary Woodward.

President Report: Erin thanked people for helping cover while she tended to a family emergency.

New Business: Don't forget Friday at 2:00 Mr. Nihill will be turned into a human sundae!

Email Judy Swiger or Erin Farquhar if you want new business added to the agenda.

The next PSO meeting is on February 11th at 6:30 pm in the library.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.