

PSO Meeting
April 8, 2013
Mary Woodward Library 6:30 p.m.

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

Erin welcomes everyone and calls the meeting to order.

March 11, 2013 Minutes reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Report: Family Events made \$1,026.08 minus a few expenses that have not gone through yet. The second payment for yearbook has gone through and the order forms have been sent home with the kids, so we will get income from that soon.

Committee Reports

Carnival: The prizes have been ordered and have come in. We are hoping to have a performance from some people in a local square dance club. We are still waiting to hear back from some food vendors.

Culture Fair: They have scheduled time for people to practice their performances. People are getting signed up to volunteer. They have been playing music from different cultures before the morning announcements.

Auction: RSVPs are due Wednesday. It is not too late to donate items. There will be a credit card machine for check out and we will be accepting Visa, Master Card, American Express, and Discover. People who make a purchase from the wine wall will be entered in a drawing to win one of 13 different restaurant gift certificates. The class baskets are still coming in. There are a lot of creative projects. Bring calendars to auction so you know what your schedule is because there will be parties you can sign up for.

Box Tops/Labels: The top three classes, with an average of 20 box tops per kid, for the second contest are Langliers, McCombs and Smith.

Scrip: Today is the deadline for Scrip and there are four more opportunities to make a purchase. There is a poster with the remaining dates in the office. We are \$700 short of the sales goal we set for the program.

Volunteer Coordinator: The volunteer hours for March 2012 were 549 hours, and for March 2013 the volunteer hours are 773, keeping in mind we had a week of no school due to spring break. Last month's hours were elevated possibly because curriculum hours were included. Jill will check into it since there seems to be a big difference between the two years. The following board positions will be open for the following school year: Assistant Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, and President Elect. The following committees are also open: Jog-A-Thon, Ice Cream Social, Holiday Bazaar, Specialty Fundraising, Book Fair, Health Screening, Box Tops/Labels.

Staff Appreciation: Thank You for Helping Us Spread Our Wings is the theme, with a butterfly motif. We need a volunteer to make a poster for the breezeway and help with running the sundae bar.

Specialty Fundraiser: This month is busy with the Culture Fair and the Auction so there is nothing scheduled this month, but Trissa is planning events for May and June.

Art Literacy: The Art Lit. Gallery set up will be on May 10th. There will be an assembly in June for Broadway Rose. The mural is finished and the last of the monsters are going in kiln this week.

Yearbook: It is set to go to print next week. Flyers have been sent out for pre-orders.

Principal Report: There are district budget meetings; one is tomorrow night at Hazelbrook Middle School and the other is at Fowler Middle School on Wednesday. The information was sent out in an email. The district will have to cut 4% if there is no change made to PERS and with a PERS change it could possibly be a 2% cut. If we have to cut the budget by 4% that would increase the number of kinder kids per class. Most of the budget goes to personnel, so the student teacher ration could change from 25:1 to 27:1 with a + or – 3 kids to those numbers before we would hire or lose a teacher. Fifth grade class size could get as big as 36 kids. A 2% cut could possibly make a class size increase of one instead of 2 or 3 kids. There is also a possibility of furlough days, cutting either student contact or staff contact (work days) days. Cutting one day saves \$350,000. Office staff hours are also something that could get cut; we used to have 23 office hours and now we are down to 16 hours. Two key positions in the district are open: HR Director and Director of Curriculum Instruction.

President's Report: For next year at Fowler, their PSO has three 8th grade parents leaving and Malia is stepping down, so they need upcoming 5th grade parents who are interested in participating to contact them.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.