

PSO Meeting
April 13, 2014
Room 3, 8:30 a.m.

Board Members: Karen Emerson, Judy Swiger, Jenna Smith, Carlene Turpin

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves, as there were a lot of newcomers.

March 9, 2015 minutes reviewed and approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report: The expense against music is going to be moved to P.E. because it was used for music last year and they take turns using those funds. Mrs. Niemi is planning on using it for paint for black top games and other things outside.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: Volunteer hours for March are 555.4 hours, last year we had 759.7 hours.

Old Business

Playground Equipment – In the last 3 auctions we raised \$3000 from the paddle raise and there was an anonymous donation last year of \$17,000. Due to the shipping cost we are doing another paddle raise this year to get the \$3000 it will take to get it shipped here. Professional installation would add about a third to our cost, so about \$8000. We are looking at having a parent installation. The structure will have climbing and bars, no swings. Karen is looking at getting more swings as part 2 of the playground upgrade.

The timeline is 4 weeks to manufacture and one week to ship. May is the goal to remove the current old structure, move bark chips and truck stuff out. We will also need to close off the area with an orange barrier. The install would be May 23/24, Memorial Day weekend. For the install, we will need to dig holes and put in concrete for posts; this will require approximately a 10 person crew.

An unofficial vote for the project was taken and everyone agreed with the proposed plan, so Karen will continue looking into what is needed to facilitate that. There will be an official vote at a special meeting sometime in May.

2015-16 PSO Nominations: Natalie Como has volunteered to take over the volunteer coordinator position. Cheryl Payne has volunteered to be treasurer again. We need a secretary and president elect. The president elect position took 7.5 hours, plus the meeting and if that person chooses to do a newsletter, that would be on top of the 7.5 hours. Duties for the president: Runs meeting gets a lot of emails for guest speakers and parent resource night. As president, there is a lot of checks to sign. There is an opportunity to go to a leadership workshop at the beginning of the year; there are several guest speakers at the meeting and it is very informative. You are able to meet people from other schools, who could be resources for you. It is about a two and a half hour interactive workshop. The president also helps the treasurer with the budget and sits down with Jerry and Judy Sweeney for the yearly calendar. The president elect shadows the president and may take on special projects that may or may not come up. Elections will be at the next meeting, May 11th.

Family Events is a committee that is open. If anyone has ideas of names let Karen know.

Eagle Mingle (parent resource night) 10-12 people showed up for the first meeting. People did introductions and brain stormed ideas for good topics for upcoming Mingles. The 2 higher interest ideas are summer activities and internet safety. It is a come when you can social gathering, as there may be schedule conflicts.

New Business

We need to keep the PSO loft picked up. Sometimes when we have helpers clean up at the end of an event and they don't know where to put it, it just gets dumped and we need to make sure there is a walk way to the back room and it remains somewhat organized.

Committee Reports

Art Literacy: Mark Chagall is the current artist being studied. The students are creating stained glass paintings on plastic sheets for this month. This is the last month of art lit classes. Trissa is moving on so they would like to get a first grade parent on board as a co-chair. Right now, they are process of getting ready for the gallery.

Specialty fundraising: The next one is at Pizzicato on Tuesday the 14th and it is all day long. We will receive 20% of all the sales. The May event will be May 13th from 4-8 p.m.

Cultural Fair: There will be no Cultural Fair this year. There is a group who would like to help, but no one wants to chair it.

Auction: We have over \$9000 in bids. We just received some Skip Hop diaper bags and lunch bags. There will be 2 more parties that need to be listed, one is Laser Tag with Mr. Nihill and Karen is checking to see if Mr. Montoya will do the other Laser tag party.

SCRIP: Kristi Sloan went to a SCRIP marketing meeting. It was a great meeting that gave her a lot of new ideas. Some organizations seem to do better selling the cards when they have stock on hand. One good idea is to have raffles at family events to win scrip. It is about getting scrip out there because some people don't know what it is. Classroom competition may be another way to get more scrip involvement.

Family Night:

Carnival: We still need booth reps for Orchard, White, Peterson, and Krebs. There will be no cotton candy but there will be a lot of sugar. ☺ Costs have risen, so we need to raise ticket prices there will be meal tickets so we don't need so many tickets for meals. We will also try and make it more of a fund raiser

Staff Appreciation: May 4th starts out the week and the ambassadors will do an appreciation station during the mornings before school starts where parents and students can write notes of appreciation that will be hung in the lobby. The theme is "Whooo appreciates you? We owl do!" There will be a massage therapist and a potluck. Michelle needs help making snack bags.

Box Tops/Labels: Look for an update in this week's news letter. Maybe the winning class can win carnival tickets.

Principal's Report: Over spring break we added on swipe badges and number locks were installed on the library doors and cafeteria doors. Soon, those doors will be locked during the day. It has been delayed until the ladies in the office could get an electronic door opener. There are 59 registered kinders so there will be 3 full day classes. First grade has picked up some kids, so we should have 3 classes with about 20 kids per class.

The next news letter will have dates for Smarter Balance. April 27th – May 22nd will be last day for make-ups. Week one will be language arts and this should take 2-3 days. The tests will be given one hour at a time, once a day. There are 2 parts/tests for language arts and 2 parts/tests for math. The teachers will teach a lesson on a Monday and then the next days the students will be the tested on that material.

President's Report: Kayleen sent out a reminder that the newsletter will go out Friday. The deadline to get in submissions will be on the 15th at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:58 a.m.