

PSO Meeting  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Mary Woodward Cafeteria, 8:30am

Board Members: Karen Emerson, Carlene Turpen, Cheryl Payne, Jenna Smith

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting. The January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:**

Specialty Fundraisers committee is within \$500 of their yearly goal. The accounting for the annual carnival was looked at more closely for the last couple of years. Sales have gone down and the cost has gone up. For the last two years, we have generated a loss. This event is supposed to be a break-even event. One idea is to make this event a fundraiser in light of the modified auction this year (adjust ticket prices, etc).

**Volunteer Coordinator:**

The reports created by Help Counter were looked at more closely. Activity totals will be compiled instead of individual volunteer totals. We are still below from last year but the numbers aren't as bad. January hours were 679 but last year they were 724 possibly because of auction volunteer time last year. So far this school year October has been the only month we have been ahead on hours compared to last year.

**Old Business:**

The letter from the treasurer that was sent out to all the parents was discussed and the response has been positive. Some parents have offered to donate cash, others offered to help with an auction or suggested smaller ideas to raise money. We only need a couple people to offer to do a sign-up party which is an easy way to raise money. Class baskets were still encouraged. The letter was very helpful because most families don't realize the need for the auction and raising money. There was a big turnover in volunteers this year. A parent survey was discussed and possibly making it into a contest to win gift certificates if parents fill out the survey.

**New Business:**

Not sure if the Cultural Fair is going to happen this year. Many of the volunteers from past years have left.

**MCT:**

There was no update.

**Box Tops:**

The parties for the first contest went great.

**Jog-A-Thon:**

An online option to pay and make donations per student is going to be looked into for next year.

**Art Lit:**

Our totem pole clay structures were featured as table centerpieces at a meeting at the district office. The totems will also be on display at the Tigard library for the month of March. MC Escher is the artist for this month and the students will be learning about tessellation.

**Specialty Fundraisers:**

McMenamins night was a huge success. The manager that we worked with was very happy with the turn out. We received a check from them for \$1589.35. Spring Valley Cinema matinee program is back. We will be getting info out to families this week. Tickets will be available in the main office again. The first movie is the week of Feb 28-Mar 3. Burgerville night has been changed to Wednesday, Feb 18th. We also won the Candy Buy Back program from Halloween at Dr. Wilson's Orthodontist office in Sherwood. We received a check for \$1057.

**Hearing:**

The testing will be at the end of the month. Volunteers are on track. Not all grade levels will be tested. It's a lengthier test and a student won't go more than 2 years without being tested.

**Family Events:**

Everyone seemed to have a great time at the Father Daughter dance. We had a great turn out with about 132 "couples" in attendance, that is an additional 28 couples compared to last year. The photographer did a great job and she will be getting the pictures processed and delivered in the next few weeks. Dan Busch did a fabulous job as the DJ. We look forward to having him DJ the mother son dance on March 6th.

**Staff Appreciation:**

Spring Conferences are March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. A candy bouquet was made for the teachers with a groundhogs day theme ("sorry for 6 more weeks of winter").

**Carnival:**

The theme this year will be "Totally Sweet". The committee will come up with a kick-off calendar with letters going out. Davidsons has already show interest in helping with the food this year again.

**Principal's Report:**

The district has its 2<sup>nd</sup> Common Core meeting and two parents from Mary Woodward came. The Smarter Balanced test was discussed and there are two ways to be exempt from taking the test: (1) disability and (2) religious reason. The same people who created the OAKS test have been working on the interface for the Smarter Balanced test. There is one more district meeting in April about the upcoming test titled "Looking into the Future." The testing will begin the end of April and go into mid-May. At the next PSO meeting we will talk about what the test looks like. Only grades 3, 4, and 5 at Mary Woodward will be taking the test. Each student will have one chance to take the test unlike OAKS where students had a second chance if they were absent or ill. In years past students had to pass OAKS to get a high school diploma. If a student does not pass Smarter Balanced there will be other options. The district is in budget mode now talking about budgets, free full-day kindergarten, teacher numbers, supplies, etc for next year. Mr. Nihill is on the long range facility planning committee for the district. The new school site on the back side of Bull Mt is discussed at their meetings. The new Gaarde development will bring new students to Mary Woodward and it is likely that our student number will increase over the next few years. We are hoping for three kindergarten classes next year and it would be ideal to have four with about 22 students each. The Immunization exemption date is coming up. Mary Woodward's numbers for non-immunized students is very low.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40am.