

PSO Meeting  
January 12, 2015  
Mary Woodward Library, 8:30 am

Board Members: Karen Emerson, Carlene Turpen and Cheryl Payne.

Cheryl Payne took notes of the meeting since the Secretary was out sick today.

Karen invited Jerry Nihill's guests to speak. The guests were Cheryl Caines, Mark Bernard, Transportation Planner, Phil Wentz, Facilities Manager for TTSD. Phil is working with the City of Tigard to implement the Safe Routes to School ("SRTS"). Mark and Phil gave some background of the SRTS program. The SRTS program comes from the National Initiative as a result of legislation passed in 2005. The SRTS program has two parts: 1) education, outreach, engagement and 2) bridging gaps. There is money allocated to transportation enhancement. Metro has elevated SRTS to help reduce emissions, and give kids a safe way to walk or bike to school for some exercise. (From flyer handed out to people in attendance - In 1969 48% of kids walked or biked to school. In 2009, 13% of kids walked or biked to school. Forty-four percent of students in Tigard live within one-half mile of their school.) Tigard has requested a grant for a coordinator to assist with coordinating the various projects and organizations related to SRTS. Results of the grant request will be known in March. There are five pillars to the program: Engagement of the community, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation. The engagement of the community includes school representatives and government representatives. Ideally, the Principal, a teacher, a PE teacher and a parent would be on the team to work with TTSD and the City of Tigard. A goal of SRTS is to get more kids walking and biking to school safely. As a result, the line for student drop offs should be reduced. The school team would start working on SRTS plans by gathering data and having parents complete surveys. There are several activities the school could participate in, including "walking school bus", competition of walkers and bikers, issue RFD chips to tally the rides and walks.

It was noted by Mark that the Walnut improvement has been delayed for completion until 2016. This was a Washington County change of priority, not a City of Tigard change of priority.

Next, Jessica Magnusen from the Tigard Tualatin School Foundation said the phone-a-thon would be February 24 - 26th. If parents contribute prior to the phone-a-thon, those parents will not be included on the list to be called. Jerry mentioned different ways the money from the Foundation was used historically: hired a math instructor who instructed enrichment and remediation math classes, garden support, the art funds were used for new stage curtains, ballroom dancing for 4 and 5 graders, Art. Lit., music instruments. Money is currently needed to either repair or replace the keyboard used by Mrs. Mullins. Jessica noted the Foundation raised \$100,000 in the past year. The fundraising allowed the Foundation to help pay for 10 more teachers over the prior year. The Foundation is looking for volunteers to make calls to school parents. This is an easy way to help out and a script is provided. Volunteers are also requested to have signs put in yards in high traffic areas. The school will have a coin drive on March 30th. The Foundation's golf and fun run activities are looking for volunteers for later in the year. A discussion ensued as to whether or not parents who could volunteer to make phone calls would prefer to make the calls from the Mary Woodward School or the District Office. Very few parents were present so the decision will be concluded later.

Specialty Fundraiser Report - (Jennifer Feeney/Amanda Pileri) Waiting to hear from fundraiser at Piccolo Mondo, as the holiday returns should be complete by mid-January. Expect a check around end of January. Rocket Fizz generated \$54.22, Biscuits generated \$168, we just

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learned we won the candy collection and earned \$1,057 from Dr. Wilson's office, Pizzicato fundraiser is Tuesday, January 13.

Family Events Report - (Jennifer Feeney/Amanda Pileri) Father/daughter dance is scheduled for February 6th. New photographer will be present to take pictures. The family movie night will be cancelled for next year due to low turnout.

Discussions on whether or not a survey should go out to parents to see what activities parents would like to continue seeing or asking their priority for community involvement. More volunteers are needed for school activities and in the classroom.

The November 2014 minutes were read and approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report - SCRIP balance shows negative because the deposit from the second December collection had not yet been made. Cheryl Payne estimated the amount would be more like \$500 positive if the SCRIP deposit were made. Missoula Children's Theatre netted a small positive cash flow. Nothing else was notable and no questions were asked.

Volunteer Coordinator Report - Carlene Turpen noted the volunteer hours were 386 for September, 815 for October, 400 in November, 139 in December and 91 for January to date. Volunteers need to make sure to update their hours either at the school or from home. Normally, there are an average of 50 hours volunteered/school day.

BoxTops Report - Barendse, Waufle and Smith won the contest. Over \$1,100 was received in December from the BoxTops submitted last year. Second contest is underway and ends in March.

Art. Lit. - District is hosting a "big wig" meeting and they loved the clay monsters so much they requested some of the artwork be displayed on the tables. Laura Wieking will be selecting clay monsters and some totems from all the grades to display. This month's project is Grandma Moses' snowy scene.

Enrichment - some winter programs started today. No assembly for this Friday, January 16, since no activity was engaged. Activity will be later in the year.

Science Fair - this was the best year for participation. Principal Nihill suggested we keep the timing for the fair in November since participation was so good and teachers appreciated the timing.

SCRIP - collection due today. Can buy McMenamins today to use on February 3 local business event. This is the last collection prior to the February 3rd event.

Staff Appreciation - twice as many people contributed cookies for the Mary Woodward staff than who signed up. Cookies were very well received. Next event is the March conference. Laura would like a volunteer to take on this work.

AUCTION - scheduled for February 21, but it won't happen. Nobody has stepped up to take on this fundraiser. Discussions ensued about having an online auction in April. Several people at the meeting offered to call 10 places to get donations. Need more people to do the same.

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People would also be allowed to make cash donations online...or at any time. Cheryl Payne noted that if the auction doesn't happen, we will be short \$25,000 for funding next year's activities. This would be felt throughout the school and hard decisions would have to be made as to what programs get cut or reduced. Karen noted that Charlene Carlberg did a lot of work to try and make an auction happen for Tualatin H.S. but the Board turned down having the auction. Initial plans are to start soliciting donation items immediately so that we may have an online auction.