

PSO Meeting
May 11th, 2015
Mary Woodward Elementary, 8:30am

Board Members: Karen Emerson, Cheryl Payne, Jenna Smith

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting. The April 2015 minutes were not completed in time to review at the meeting and will be emailed to the board members to be approved.

Guest Speaker #1:

Neil Brown came to give an update on the YMCA going on the ballot in downtown Tigard. He encouraged everyone to come to the meeting that night.

Guest Speaker #2:

Dan Busch, the Fowler Middle School Principal, came to the meeting to give information about what the 5th graders and their parents can expect when they start 6th grade next year. On June 1st the Mary Woodward 5th graders will tour Fowler at 9:00am. On June 4th the parents are invited in the evening to learn more about Fowler. September 1st will be the Ice Cream Social/Back to School Night where the students get their schedules and locker assignments. Any schedule conflicts can be resolved then and they also get to practice opening their locker. If a student wants their locker next to a friend, it was suggested they stand in line together at the locker station that evening. September 8th will be the first day of school. They have 7 periods (Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math, PE, Ed Tech, and their elective). The 6th graders will have electives that consist of choir, band, art/engineering design. There will be more options when they go into 7th and 8th grade such as Spanish and Health. Math consists of regular 6th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade math but also included Advanced 7th Math, Algebra, and Geometry for those who are ready. Spanish is not available for 6th grade due to staffing issues. Band and Choir are only available as year-long electives. 6th graders will get their own lockers. 7th and 8th graders can have their own short half locker or share a large locker with a partner.

Guest Speaker #3:

Karen Emerson listed off the parent volunteer opportunities at Fowler which include board positions (President, Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator, Secretary, and Treasurer), Webmaster, Ice Cream Social, Book Fair, 8th Grade party at Oaks Park, dances, Caring Closet, Staff Appreciation, Reader Board, administrative duties (stickers, stuffing envelopes, student store, text books, etc), lunch posse, 8th grade leadership group, magazine sales, Box Tops, Scrip, restaurant nights, Falcon Dash, plus many others. There is no auction and not many classroom opportunities. The PSO meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 9am.

Treasurer Report:

Teachers have been requesting their funds. Scrip is negative because timing issue but will be \$800 positive. A few deposits for the online auction have come in and we owe a fee to the online auction company. For the Carnival, revenues have gone down the last 3 years. We are getting "Square" so we can take credit card transactions at the Carnival. This year we adjusted the price for tickets and meal tickets so it's more of a break-even. Specialty Events has exceeded their goal and almost doubled it to \$5300 this year. There are various funds that will not get spent this year such as decking repairs, enrichment, and volunteer coordinator so those will roll over into next years budget. Mrs. Niemi the PE teacher wants to use funds to redo some of the games that are painted on the black top. The library used its funds to redo the couch and get reading medals. In the past it's been used for magazine subscriptions. A question was asked if that money could be used to buy a "token of thanks" for the library volunteers. Our income this year will be short of projected income.

Principal Report:

Eagle Mingle is this Thursday. A Volunteer Recognition event will be planned as a thank you to parent volunteers. The best time will probably be in the morning, in the garden in late May or early June, and younger siblings are welcome. We are entering our 3rd week of Smarter Balanced testing and we did not plan in a buffer between LA and Math which we learned is needed. Test results won't be available until late August to October. Results have to be humanly graded. There will be three full day Kindergarten classes next year and we are hoping for three 5th grade classes as well.

Old Business:

We had our special meeting to vote on purchasing the new playground equipment. It passed and the Climbers Crest was ordered! We will use Signupgenius.com to organize the parent volunteer install. We will have the holes professionally dug to correct depth.

PSO Board elections were held for the 2015/16 school year. For each position there was a motion to elect the following person. Each one was seconded and approved.

President – Laura Wieking
President Elect – Wendy Jenkins
Volunteer Coordinator – Natalie Como
Treasurer – Cheryl Payne
Secretary – Jenna Smith

New Business:

None.

Box Tops:

May 29th is the last day to turn in Box Tops. A \$610 check was deposited. The newsletter on Friday will have an update.

Staff Appreciation:

We had a great Staff Appreciation week and had lots of great events for the staff including massages, potluck, basket of healthy snacks, etc. Thank you to the ambassadors for their help and for the great signs throughout the school.

Art Lit:

We finished Chagall, the gallery is up, and parent volunteers need to pick up their artwork. The projector needs to be looked at to make sure it's still working. There are volunteer appreciation gifts and pins still available.

Specialty Fundraisers:

Wednesday is the Burgerville fundraiser and the ambassadors will be serving. This will be the last event for the year.

Auction:

Donors will be getting their Thank You receipt soon as well as final paid receipts.

Eagle Mingle:

The Eagle Mingle is scheduled for Thursday at 6:30pm. Summer activities will be discussed. Childcare will be provided.

Tigard/Tualatin Foundation Update:

June 19th is the golf event. They are looking for foursomes to play a shotgun start at 1:45pm. June 27th is the Twilight Run which is a 5k or a kids mile. Your entrance fee pays for entrance to the Festival of Balloons.

Scrip:

We invested \$500 to buy gift cards and all were sold last week during Staff Appreciation week. We are currently looking for feedback for next years program.

Carnival:

Envelopes will be going home on Friday to buy tickets. Booth Reps are all filled. Will need help on setup day. The event was advertised at Fowler Middle School.

Field Day:

We are looking for classroom volunteers and Popsicle sales at Fred Meyers.

Presidents Report:

There are only 2 Scrip orders left and 2 newsletters left before the end of the school year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.