

PSO Meeting
September 25th, 2015
Mary Woodward Cafeteria, 8:30am

Board Members: Laura Wiekling, Wendy Jenkins, Cheryl Payne, Natalie Como, Jenna Smith

Minutes:

The minutes from April 2015, May 2015, and May Special Meeting 2015 were read and approved.

Treasurer Report:

There was a board meeting recently to work on the details of the new budget. Several items such as field trips, Art Lit, room parent funds have gone down due to lower than expected funds raised in the prior fiscal year and an increase in the number of kids enrolled at the school. We are asking room parent volunteers to spend their budget only on crafts...no food or candy. We under spent last year so the cuts were not nearly as severe as they might have been. The budget goes from July 1 – June 30. Next year, we will be using funds that were raised this year. A parent asked if they could donate money to the activity(ies) they wanted to increase the funding for. A cash donation to the PSO this year does not increase this year's budget, it increases next year's budget. Food and supplies can be donated. The only downfall to donating supplies, food, etc. to the activities you want is that the true cost of what is being provided is not known. It's important for parents to get reimbursed for expenditures because donations don't reflect the true costs of the activities provided. A motion was made to pass the 2015-2016 budget with the understanding that there will be updates for the final student count and teacher count. The motion passed unanimously.

Volunteer Coordinator Report:

315 hours have been logged so far compared to 898 hours last year. Please check your mailbox in the office workroom. New badges will be ready on September 29th in the afternoon.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The playground removal is this weekend. A Sign Up Genius email went out recently. Saturday will be the big day. Kris Allen volunteered their trailer to haul the old playground equipment into the dumpster. This week holes will be drilled and concrete will be poured. Tigard High School honor society was going to be contacted to see if they could provide childcare on site. Please bring various tools. There are shifts throughout the day from 8:30am – 4:00pm.

In the past there was a volunteer handbook that was passed down from chair to chair with lots of good info, tips, resources, checklists. We are working on updating that to hand out. The generic gmail email addresses for the PSO committees is coming along well and will be a great resource for future chairs. We are going to have a Volunteer Training on Thursday October 1st at 8:30am where we will tour the school and go over resources that are available to the PSO (photo copying, PSO loft, etc).

Staff Appreciation:

The whole year has been planned and the birthday cards are being worked on. We are contacting local businesses to see if they can donate gifts. The first event will be the October conferences. There will be a Sign Up Genius email going out. It will be a Fall theme. We will stick with a cookie exchange for Christmas and plans are being worked on for a book drive.

Ambassador Program:

There is a new Ambassador Help Request Form on the Ambassador website and on their bulletin board. This is to be filled out by any PSO chair that is requesting help from the 5th grade Ambassadors. They can make posters, classroom announcements, and work at events. Please fill out 3 weeks prior to event.

Art Lit:

We got a number of new volunteers signed up at Back to School Night. In one Kindergarten class there were 12! Training is on September 30th at 6:30pm. Normally there will be a daytime and evening training. The first project will be a Matisse collage. Teachers already supplied their day and time for their classroom session. Art in the Burbs is

October 9th – 11th and it is put on by the Tigard Tualatin Foundation and directly benefits each school in the district. We will not be having a Holiday Bazaar so please go to this or volunteer.

Picture Day:

All volunteer shifts for this day, along with Dibels testing, are full.

Jog a Thon:

We are in good shape with just a week to go. The Ambassadors did morning speeches and are painting posters. The new staff are being trained on how the event works. We need more volunteers to work in the portable either half a day (9:00am – 11:20am or 12:20pm – 2:00pm) or the full day. There are extra envelopes in the office. Kindergarten teachers will be gone that day at a district meeting. An email will go out Monday to all the volunteers.

Spring Auction Report:

Volunteers are needed for setup, tear down, class baskets, data entry, flyers, invitations.

Science Fair:

The Science Fair assembly is next Wednesday. The 3rd and 4th graders will get to participate in the sling shot and bridge building events. The fair is scheduled for November 23rd and forms will be due November 2nd.

Specialty Fundraisers:

We raised \$296 at Burgerville the other night. October 20th is the Pizzacato fundraiser and we get 20% of sales all day. We are hoping to get McMenamins again this year. We plan on doing the Wilson Orthodontist post-Halloween candy collection fundraiser again. We've won it the past two years. We get \$500 if we win plus get paid \$1 per pound of candy collected. To encourage the kids to bring in their candy, Mr. Nihill said he would dress up like an Elf if we won the competition. Chipotle was another restaurant that was suggested as a fundraiser.

Principal Report:

The playground installation will begin this weekend. We were bumped in scheduling for bigger projects but finally was able to schedule it for the next two weekends.

There are over 500 students at Mary Woodward this year. There have been about 80 new students enrolled since last May to the start of this school year. Most of the classrooms are filled and the class size is lower. There are three 5th grade classes and four 2nd grade classes. A half time support teacher has been hired for 4th grade to help with Reading and Math. We have a new school psychologist, Brent Bonfiglio.

Misc:

We have access to a large quantity of Hi-C concentrate if anyone is interested. We also have our own popcorn maker...make sure it is clean after you use it. We still have oil packets.

The next meeting will be October 16th at 8:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am.