

PSO Meeting
September 30, 2016
Mary Woodward Cafeteria, 8:30 am

Board Members: Wendy Jenkins, Megan Van de Pitte, Tracy Johnson, Cheryl Payne.

Wendy Jenkins introduced herself as the President and then the board members and members of the PSO introduced themselves. Many new faces of kindergarteners attended.

Minutes:

The minutes from May, 2016, were read and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report #1:

Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2016, given by Cheryl Payne, former Treasurer. Due to the significant increase in donations generated in the prior fiscal year, there was about \$72,000 available to spend. Cheryl recommended we don't spend all of it as the PSO was drawing down funds to finish the new playground installation and bought a new Riso copy machine for the teachers and PSO to use a couple years prior.

Treasurer Report #2:

Treasurer's Report as of September 25, 2016 – presented by Tracy Johnson, Treasurer – went through the proposed budget, line by line. Jerry recommended \$600 be budgeted for the walkie-talkie replacements. Tracy noted that the school enrollment was now 517 students, up from the 505 at the end of August, so the expenses that are determined based on a per student calculation will be adjusted. Some expenses such as Art Lit, Team Funds, and Room Parent Funds were restored to levels seen in fiscal year 14/15. (Historical note - Fiscal 15/16 had severe cut-backs required to several accounts, including the Art Lit, Team Funds and Room Parent Fund accounts due to lower than expected fundraising.) There was a brief discussion about whether or not a Gaga court would be installed during this fiscal year. Field day and staff appreciation budgets were raised slightly, pursuant to member recommendations. Directory – we will try to revive the directory. In order for families to be included in the directory, each family needs to opt in. Heather Listy volunteered to send out a flyer to the families to see who would like to opt in. Beth Schuff recommended a Google Drive option to help gather information and allow families to opt in using that program and generate a directory that way. Discussions will continue to determine the best way to proceed with this project.

Music Dept/ PE – raised to from \$500 to \$1000, in the event a gaga court could be built this year.

Library Discretionary – raised from \$500 to \$700. Library needs to update some circulation subscriptions and replace aging books.

Staff Appreciation – up to \$1,000 in the hopes the staff can receive t-shirts to help with team building.

Cultural Fair - \$800 expense added for possible assembly expense.

Missoula – Increased to \$3,300. This is a self-sustaining activity, so the budget changes netted zero to the total revenue generated.

A motion to accept the budget was made, seconded and approved, unanimously.

There were no questions pertaining to the financial report dated 9/25/2016.

Volunteer Coordinator Report

Wendy Jenkins presented on behalf of Shelley Smelser – discussed importance of logging in hours. Hours are reported to the district. Information is used by prospective families moving to the area and helps in

recruiting staff. Sign-up.com is being used this year to recruit volunteers. Make sure to allow Sign-up.com not to go to spam, so check your spam settings to receive these e-mails. Kari Vandergriff was noted to have logged in 1,067 over the past year.

New Business:

Ice cream social – presented by Heather Jordan – only about 60 extra ice cream sandwiches, which will be used after the Jog-a-thon.

Burgerville fundraiser was hugely successful. Amount not known as of the date of the meeting.

Pizzacato fundraiser is next week – 20% of all dine in or purchases of gift cards will go back to the school.

It was noted that Target is no longer supporting education, but Fred Meyer does.....so register your Rewards card to help the school get some extra money.

Staff Appreciation Committee – this committee is full with volunteers.

Science Fair – presented by Tracy Sandford - Packets will be sent home today, if they weren't already. Kids who participate receive a \$1 "Science Fair Dollar" to spend at the Student Store. Tracy needs some classroom help for bridge building in the fourth grade classes next week. The Science Fair is on November 21st.

Art Lit – Presented by Laura Wieking - Erin Lynch, Anna Scott are two more helpers who joined the Art Lit team in varying capacities. Art Lit no longer has a classroom to use. Instead, they are using a cart to move materials into the classrooms. Laura mentioned the next project will be with colored pencils. The artist will be Cezanne. Art in the Burbs is happening the weekend of October 14 – 16th at Tigard High School. They need volunteers to help at the event.

Jog-a-thon – October 7 – envelope with the pledges Oct 3

Book Fair - week of October 17.

Jenny Herman explained the **Missoula Children Theatre** – 5 day program – two actors come. Forms will come next week and due back the following. Two full productions performed on Saturday. Cost \$45 per kid, scholarships available. Kids for theatre experience. Auditions are on 10/24. Shows are on 10/29.

Jerry Nihill, Principal - Head start is up and running for preschoolers. Kindergarten students have three day rotations PE/Music/Technology. Discussed addition of 1/2 time teachers. They teach 90 mins of reading, 60 mins of math. Discussed upcoming lock down drill. Lock out drill deals with issues outside of the school building. Jerry discussed that different events will be practiced each month and the teachers do a great job explaining to the kids what's going on about how to be safe, without causing fear.

Jerry discussed the upcoming bond measure as far as providing resources on where to find information as to what the bond measure would mean.

Shelly Smelser asked what the PSO could do to help reduce class sizes. Jerry replied that parents can help volunteer in the classroom. Contact the District and school board with concerns and feedback.