**PSO Meeting**

**October 5, 2018**

**Mary Woodward Cafeteria, 8:30am**

Board Members: Cody Melby, Anna Dodds, Cyndi Clere, Erin Buck, Megan Van de Pitte

**Principal’s Report:**

Mr. Nihill handed out and discussed the Guidelines for Healthy Classroom Parties and Celebrations. In place if traditional sweet snacks, non-food and healthy snacks should be used to celebrate at school. He also talked about being mindful of allergies and the nut-free tables in the cafeteria.

Mary Woodward will be having a lockdown/lockout drill in the coming weeks. The Tigard Police Department will be notified. During the lockdown drill, students will go to a quiet spot in each classroom. Classroom and hallway doors will be closed and teachers will wait for further instruction. The office will verify attendance and make sure all students and staff are accounted for. Finally, teachers will get the all clear and can resume normal activity. During a lockout, all activities resume as normal, but students will not be able to go outside. Lockout is used when there is police activity or wildlife in the area near the school. In a lockout, the office will send an email to staff and kids are not alerted.

Students may dress up in costume to celebrate Halloween. Appropriate masks may not be worn except during the parade, and costumes cannot contain blood, gore, or weapons.

**September 2018 Minutes:**

The minutes from September 14 were read and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report and Budget:**

The budget was amended with items approved at last month’s meeting. The Tigard Taphouse fundraiser raised $450.

**Committee Reports:**

Safe Routes for School- Next Wednesday, groups will meet at the fire station and near the Summerlake dog park to walk and bike to school.

Science Fair – Shaun Stuhldryer – Demonstrations start next week and grades 4 and 5 will be building and testing out the strenth of their bridges.

**Budget Amendment:**

For the last 9 years, Mary Woodward has used funds from The Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools to fund McConnell Math. Last year, we received $8250. This year, we received $6000. The PSO was asked to provide $2000 to support McConnell Math through mid May. The PSO made a motion to and approved amending the budget for an additional $2000 for 1 year. This will be reflected in the Instructional Assistant line in the budget.
**Miscellaneous:**

Nicole Tangkjaer and others talked about the need to set up a district-wide committee to address the issue of having better, more nutritional food in cafeteria meals.

The PSO is in desperate need of people to take over as Committee Chairs. Cody will send out a list of vacant PSO positions in hopes of getting them filled sooner than later.

There was interest in starting a bottle return program like Fowler Middle School does. Cody will contact Bottle Drop and Jen Vasicek will help get bags.