**PSO Meeting**

**September 20th, 2019**

**Mary Woodward Library/Makerspace, 8:30am**

**Board Members Present:** Cyndi Clere, Danielle Smart, Erin Buck, Kristi Sloan, Jen Vasicek, and Anna Dodds

Many new faces were at the pso meeting so introductions were made.

**Principal’s Report:**

Mr. Nihill thanked the Pso for all their hard work over the summer getting prepared for this successful start of the year. Money from PSO has been allocated to instructional assistants to help in the walk to read sessions in each grade level.

There have been new procedures for coming into the school with the new construction. He said the secure lock into the office is working well thanks to our construction crews and an additional camera outside is being installed. A doorbell will be placed in the vestibule so families can be let into the office. He is looking at the gate shutting on the far side towards Summerlake Park and teachers and staff do advise dog walkers to not walk on the school grounds during the day.

Oregon Student success act- it is our first stable source of funding- important as it brings the class sizes down and there will be a survey emailed to families to gather input on how money is spent. We have high numbers of students enrolled (585) and MW is second largest elementary school now in the district; but we are boasting low class sizes this year.

Furniture ordered to complete the new construction area will be delivered on Monday and thanked the bond which funded our important construction and safety updates to the school.

**May 2019 Minutes:**

The minutes were approved.

**Volunteer coordinator:**

Jen Vasicek spoke about the great start to the year. She said we have lots of help already and the hearing screening went well with many people stepping up to help. Picture day is also filled and has created even more volunteer spots as people were feeling bad they couldn’t help.

Almost all committees have chairs and you can check online to see what spots need filling. Even if a position is filled you can still volunteer to assist.

Movie night still has open spots as does the Jog-a-thon.

**New Business:**

Nicole Tangkjær is very motivated to make some improvements to the staff breakroom. The heads and tails game at the auction last spring didn’t bring in enough money as her list of renovations is long. She inquired if she’d be able to get more funding and the Pso asked her to create a formal request which not only would need to be approved by PSO but by the district as well. It was suggested to do a gofundme or amazon wish list to procure items needed.She has hosted a buy in party: poker night: to help fund the breakroom.

**Treasurer’s Report and Budget:**

Budget was shown with about $6071 not allocated this year. Erin Buck showed where our PSO dollars are going. There was a motion and budget was approved.

**Jog-a-thon**

Anna Dodds spoke about the jog-a-thon going online this year. Since we went live with the fundraising website, we have already exceeded the amount we spent procuring the company to handle the online sales. It has been successful in the 2 days we went live. There will be an incentives raffle and envelopes will be going home next week in case people would like to send in cash and checks. For a $10 donation, there is 1 raffle ticket. For $70 donation, 2 entries into the raffle with fun prizes. Also made note there is a company matching program.

**Movie Night:**

Danielle Smart and Kristi Sloan spoke about the movie night which is September 27th from 6-8:30. We will be showing Rio, rated G, and you can bring your sand chairs, blankets and pjs if desired. It is free to attend and free popcorn thanks to Tigard’s Regal Cinema. We also will have candy and pizza being sold.

**Walk and Roll:**

Jen Vasicek told us this will be held on October 2nd and monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month. National walk and bike to school is in October and May. The location start points haven’t changed: they are still at Summerlake Park and at the Fire Station on Walnut Street. For anyone that has participated in the walk to roll, they will be given a raffle ticket. Jorge Villafana from the Timbers will be our celebrity and he will be at the Summerlake location and willing to give autographs.

Jen also wanted to create a GREEN TEAM- a new committee position to do the following: recycle markers, which collection boxes are in each classroom and in the teacher workroom. There is no cost and no incentive but when we have a box full we can send them into Crayola.

We started bottle drop last year thanks to Mr. J’s efforts and so far have made $350 in recycling cans and bottles.

The green team could look into using reusable silverware at lunch time instead of plastic serveware. And investigate the need to add a water bottle filler drinking fountain in the cafeteria.

**Science Fair:**

Judy Swiger, Beth Schuff and Lynde Perkins will be in charge of the science fair this year. They are still setting the schedule and pinning down dates for it to be held.

**Nicole Tangkjær** has an artist friend who would donate her time, paints and create a mural on the empty wall in the black top covered area on the playground. Mr. Nihill was not available to ask and Nicole will ask for a sketch of the mural and come back to propose once we have more information. It was suggested to ask the ambassadors for their assistance.

She also was hoping to add some pizazz to the lobby entrance. Mr. Nihill was not available to ask. She wanted to paint some letters that spelled “Welcome to Mary Woodward” where the teacher pictures are displayed and on the side wall we need to add a PSO and Art lit section.

**President’s Report:**

We had a meeting with the PR and PSO rep from district and have found out that we need to get district approval for anything we buy for the school. We also found out there is a warehouse where extra district and school furniture is stored in case we have a need we can check there first.

If you have suggestions for things to add to the agenda, please send it to the Pso President a week in advance to get on the outline for the meeting.

**A big thanks to** Amy Estrada for the completion and installationof My Little Library. It is installed in the MW garden and hopes that anyone that wishes can take a book or give a book. The official plaque has arrived and she will get that installed as well.

**Troy Zell** who is responsible for kid’s safety during lunch noticed during rainy days the under cover black top is full on chaos. There is a broken basketball hoop, no clear lines on the blacktop (due to the promise of district resurfacing the blacktop). What can be done about this?

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.