**PSO Meeting December 5th, 2019**

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

Attendees: Jessica Dumitru, Christine Larsen, Danielle Bodmer, Cyndi Clere, Jen Vasicek, Danielle Smart, Stacey Beckman, Anna Dodds, Evelyn Eayrs, Sara Gomez

Principals report:

Mr. Nihill distributed a hand out on the student success act. The goal of the act is to keep class sizes smaller. A survey was emailed to TTSD parents recently and input is appreciated. MW has started monthly assemblies on behavior choices (cooperation, kindness) to promote positive behaviors. MW is the second largest elementary school in the district, we currently have 590 students with an increase projected until the new school by Bull Mt. is completed. At that time, it is anticipated new school district lines may be drawn. There was a strong gas odor smelled on Katherine Street near the driveway yesterday. The gas company was notified and responded within 20 minutes. Lines were checked and no hazards were identified. It was anticipated, the odor may have been due to some computer line work that is being performed nearby. The City of Tigard has expanded the no parking zone on Katherine in order to facilitate the movement of buses at the beginning and end of the school day. There was also discussion on methods of speeding up the car line for drop off and pick up. MW will host the next school board meeting on Jan 13. Jen Vasicek will be honored at the meeting for her work on the completion of the bike shelters. Mr. Nihill will be at a conference next week so there will be a rotating lead teacher acting as the “Principal” while he is away.

**Minutes:**

The minutes for Oct 18 and Oct 19 were approved as presented

**Treasurer report:**

No report was provided as Erin was sick

Volunteer Coordinator report:

There is only 1 active sign up for volunteers right now and that one is nearly filled. We are so fortunate to have a school community who helps so much.

**Book Fair:**

The book fair was last week and was a huge success! It was open late 2 nights for parents of club K and MCT play practice parents. We grossed over $12,000 however scholastic gets a percentage of the sales so our net was about $4,500. The teachers choice bin was very popular as were the wish lists. The next book fair is scheduled for April 9-17 and will yield a higher percentage of profit for the school since we are hosting multiple sales events. Danielle is trying to minimize the amount of non reading material (trinkets) that are available however the scholastic company insists some of these must be available for purchase. The use of e wallets has also been very helpful by not having the kids bring cash (especially coins) to the fair. It was noted that approximately 400 books “walk off the shelf” every year at our library and it costs about $6,000 to replace these missing titles.

**MCT:**

The “Snow Queen” play was presented last Sat at MW after a week of rehearsal. This is a great opportunity for kids to grow in confidence. Both show times had a full audience and positive reviews. Jenny Herman is looking for someone to work with her this next year as it will be her final season coordinating this event.

**Candy Buy Back results:**

We donated 377 pounds of candy to Wilson Orthodontics! We do not yet know if we won first place for the most candy donated but it is likely. We get $1 per pound of candy and an additional $500 if we win the contest.

**Movie night:**

The next movie night is Dec 6 and the title is “Ice Age”. Once again there will be pizza, drinks, and candy for purchase and Regal Cinema is donating 3 bags of already popped popcorn for free.

**Staff Appreciation:**

The staff luncheon is coming up Nov 25. The only sign up spot remaining is an additional person to help with clean up. Thank you parents for supporting our staff! The next staff event after the luncheon is the annual cookie exchange so start thinking of what to bring. Allergy friendly items are especially appreciated. There is also an ongoing staff raffle with a monthly prize drawing.

**Food Drive:**

The food drive is coming to an end next week. Thank you for donating so generously. The winning class with the most food donated will be announced later next week.

Specialty fundraiser:

The Piccolo Mondo sale is still going.

**OBOB update:**

Approximately 70 students have signed up for OBOB this year. There are practice battles coming up with the school competition set for Feb 1. This is an academic competition for third through fifth graders. There will be an opportunity to help moderate battles and/or concession stands during competitions.

Parenting seminar

There was interest expressed for a parenting seminar. Evelyn will coordinate this event in Jan or Feb.

**Garden Committee:**

A current project being implemented is a pollinator garden to attract mason bees and other pollinators. Volunteers are being sought to be on call to help students with tasks such as preparing plants for sale for the school.

**Green Team:**

The green team is pursuing a project to replace the current drinking fountain in the cafeteria with a dual fountain/water bottle refill station. Since this is the first one at the school, it will need to be ADA accessible with a lower height unit. Jen is working with 3 Mountains Plumbing who are donating time and expertise to the project.

**Presidents report:**

Project update-

Blacktop/mural-Cyndi and Troy met with Hans from Sherwin Williams to discuss types of paint suitable for the blacktop and possibly the gym wall. The next step is to find a contractor who can professionally prepare the surface and possibly apply the paint. Two other factors for this project are the determination if safety town will continue to be located at the school and the weather as the surface must be at least 55 degrees and dry for the paint to adhere.

Staff room-A survey monkey was distributed to all staff last week soliciting input on wishes for the area. The results of the survey will be compiled next week so the scope of work can be determined.