

UNAPPROVED PTO MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2013

Attendees: Erica Marson, Maureen Jaimes, Ann Nangle, Steve Bonds, Kim Bonds, Rachael Wilde, Rhonda McCall, Lisa Taylor, Sandi Bone, Marne Oyen.

Introductions were made and the minutes from the February 5th, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

Mrs. Marson started off the meeting with some good news. She had a meeting with Carl Mead regarding Fir Grove's 5th grade class sizes, currently at 41 students. We will now receive money to pay for 2 full-time IA for the 5th grade classes from now until the end of the year. Mrs. Marson is also going full court press on getting another teacher for the 5th grade next year.

Our principal had some more good news. The state legislators have proposed \$6.75 billion from the state for education. If the upcoming levy passes Fir Grove would be able to move forward with no cuts and be able to restore some positions. If the levy does not pass 5 million in cuts would need to be made. She urged us to write or better yet call our legislators to share how important these funds are to us. There was discussion about putting the legislators' numbers up on the PTO website. Mrs. Marson also mentioned really wanting to replace the school counselor next year if possible as we do not have one now. There was also brief discussion about how there might not be enough support for the levy and to try and get the work out about how important it is to our school and why we do really need it to pass.

The budget update was next. There was a bit of money coming in from the val-o-grams for the 5th grade send off. Sham-o-grams are also coming up. A recent expense was paying for buses for the 5th graders. Our biggest upcoming expense will be paying for the Science Fair assembly. We are still getting thank you notes from the tech lab for the new headphones, they apparently really made a difference to the classes. We also received thank you notes from the 2nd grade classes for paying for their field trip to OMSI.

The volunteer update by Rhonda McCall was next and is as follows:

*****Volunteer hours logged over 7,823hrs year to date***WOW!!! Up 1200 from last year.**

IMPORTANT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Mar. 7th Kindy Orientation 6:30-7:30pm

Mar. 8th Donuts for Dads @ 7:15 am

Mar. 11 & 15th No School

Mar. 20th Clothes Closet 10-4pm

Mar. 21st Passport

Mar.25th-29th Spring break

Volunteers highlights last month:

Valentine Parties, Battle of the books, Art Lit, field trips, Big Rig day, Science Expo kick off, spring pictures, popcorn days, and passport.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Passport Club: Monthly on the last Wednesday of the month.

Contact: Sandi Bone, bone.sandi@gmail.com.

Clothes Closet: March 20th 10-4pm, need helping sorting donations and helping people shop. Contact: Rachel Wilde

Science Expo: Day before, Day of and clean up.

Contact: Kim Bonds, ksebonds@yahoo.com

Math Help: Mrs. Bailey needs help Thursday morning with small math groups.

Contact: Lindsey Bailey, Lindsey_Babb_Bailey@beaverton.k12.or.us

Library Help: Mrs. Donnell is looking for help in the library, she needs help with book repairs, checking in books and shelving books.

Contact: lisakaren.Donnely@beaverton.k12.or.us

Volunteer hours:

It is never too late to enter them, just let us know how many and for what.

Contact: Rhonda McCall , volunteers@firgrovepto.com

Thank you for all you do!

Fundraising update was next up. The book fair is just around the corner and will be in May the same time as the penny drive. Also we raised \$750 in box tops!

The President's update was next. Battle of the books will be this Friday up on the stage!! This is the finals!

New business/unfinished business was brief. We discussed wanting to get a bit more feedback from Mrs. Marson on the Smartboards. Next we discussed reviewing the bylaws and that is being done. Finally there was a discussion about trying to find officers for next year, we especially need a VP of Fundraising!

Meeting adjourned at 9:05am

Next PTO meeting will be April 2, 2013 at 7:00