

APPROVED PTO MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2013

Attendees: Sandi Bone, Marne Oyen, Rhonda McCall, Rachael Wilde, Erica Marson, Carrie Monnie, Lisa Taylor, Leah Lundy, Sarah Scott, Maureen Jaimes.

Introductions were made and the minutes from the May 7, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

The meeting started off with a budget update from Sarah Scott, the new treasurer. There have been a few new line items added to the budget for next year, including Chess Club, Community Event, Insects for the 2nd grade, Technology Supplies, Trophies, United Streaming and Yearbook. A detailed budget is available upon request. There was a brief discussion about additional training for the Smartboards. Next year's focus will be on math and there will be some in-house training to incorporate using the Smartboards. Additionally we paid for some teacher's expenses that fall under the \$100 a teacher allotment. We have also processed several of the 5th grade's send-off party expenses.

There was a brief discussion of the PTO budget for the 2013-2014 school year. The proposed budget was put to a vote and approved. A copy of the 2013-2014 PTO budget is available upon request.

Mrs. Marson's update was next up. She mentioned the survey that was sent home and is looking forward to hearing back from the families at Fir Grove. She will share the results with the PTO in the Fall.

The end of year assembly will be on June 13th from 8:15 until 9:15. Mrs. Marson mentioned that parents are welcome to attend. There will be singing, a cupid shuffle and a skit performed by the Beaverton Library. Younger siblings are also welcome to attend.

This summer Fir Grove will be offering the free daily lunch program and on Fridays after lunch the Beaverton Rec Mobile will be here with games and activities.

Mrs. Marson also wanted to extend a huge thank you for field day and a big old Wow! The kids loved it and this event would not have been possible without the PTO, parent volunteers and Lisa Taylor, who took up the mantel and ran with it, organizing the entire event. Mrs. Marson also went on to say thank you so very much to the PTO who makes sure if the kids need it, it gets done. Also the staff treats of banana splits were a huge hit and a good reminder of the change in meeting time; big thank you for that event as well.

The volunteer guru, Rhonda McCall a.k.a. Ms. Future President, was next on the agenda. Our volunteer hours are currently at 11,600!! She expects to hit 12,000 by the end of the school year. Amazing!!

Upcoming events include the 5th grade send off on June 7th and the end of year assembly on June 13th. Also there are several positions for committee chairs still open. Please let us know if you might be available to head one up. Thank you again so very much for all that you do!

Fundraising had a short update regarding the Penny Drive from the always cheerful Carrie Monnie and the go-get-her Maureen Jaimes, who both will be sorely missed as Co-Fundraising VPs. They were happy to announce that the drive raised \$1,400! Of these funds \$180 went to Technology for new headphones and the rest went to Music. Ms. Moore was so thrilled. Thank you to all who contributed. The 5th grade class won and had a great ice cream party to celebrate.

Our illustrious leaders, the effervescent Sandi Bone and the git-r-done Lisa Taylor gave their final presidential update as follows. The 4th graders are in the middle of their Oregon Trail adventure where there is cholera all around. Good times are being had. On a more serious note, there had been some confusion earlier this year regarding the IRS filing that must be completed each year. Ours was not completed in a timely manner and we are facing over a \$600 fine. A letter of explanation regarding what happened and what steps have been taken to ensure it would not happen again was sent to the IRS. They have agreed to review the case and may reduce or waive the fee. We are waiting for their response.

On a happier note, Kris our secretary, who missed a large part of the school year due to illness, has returned. She is doing much better and was so very thankful for everyone's support. Make sure to swing by and tell her hi!

No unfinished business to announce!

Under new business Lisa Taylor, who apparently never leaves the school, and Rachel Wilde replanted the garden with the 1st grade classes. We will be needing some help watering the garden this summer and a sign-up sheet will be going out. You are welcome to pick up any bounty from the garden when you stop by to water too!

We wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

Next PTO meeting will be in September

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am