

Approved PTO Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2013

Attendees: Rachael Wilde, Stacey Mueller, Gretchen Wright, Rhonda McCall, Sarah Scott, Shawna Walton, Leah Lundy, Beth Wolfson, Ivonne Renderos-Rivas, Maureen Jaimes, Sarah Makela, Kerry Forsell, Steve Bonds, Marne Oyen

Introductions were made and the minutes from the October 1, 2013 PTO meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

Mrs. Marson was unable to attend the meeting but will be at the next meeting with updates on the new grading system.

Sarah Scott, our treasurer, gave the budget update. So far the Fun Run has raised over \$23,845. Money is still coming in. There will also be about \$800 from Intel matching. Last year we raised just over \$25,000 and we are expected to exceed that amount this year. Also noted was the fact that there are fewer students this year, about 30 less, so our students really kicked it into gear with fundraising! There are fliers for adults to order t-shirts for the fun run as well, these order forms are due by November 11th. There was a quick question about making Fir Grove t-shirts and if we found a parent willing to head up the project it would be possible to have Fir Grove t-shirts/sweatshirts printed up.

Sarah also noted a few other expenses in the budget. Kindergarten has used part of their field trip money and the bill for United Streaming came through as well.

Leah Lundy was next up with a Volunteer Update. There were over 1,670 volunteer hours logged in October and we are over 2,700 for the year. Thank you all for all that you do! She also had a few important dates coming up, November 5-6th Parent/Teacher conferences, November 6th -11th No School, November 21st Passport Check, November 22nd Picture Retakes and November 27th – December 2nd No School for Thanksgiving Holiday and Grading Day.

There are still plenty of volunteer opportunities at Fir Grove so please contact Leah Lundy with any questions or desires to help out. Currently Ms. Mohr is looking for greeters, videographer, and helper for her December 12th music program at 6:30pm; please contact Leah if you are available. Also Ms. Donnelly is looking for help in her AM Kindergarten class with assisting students at stations and other projects. She's looking for help, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 8:30-9:30am; please contact Ms. Donnelly if you are available. Passport could also use some help. The next Passport check date is November 21st, please contact Sandi Bone if you are available to help. Finally, there are still some spots available to sign up to bring in treats for the Staff; this is the first Friday every month, please contact Leah if you would like to donate treats.

Rhonda McCall was next up with her update. The PTO spent \$458.73 on math templates for students. The teachers felt this was a much needed tool. There will also be a parking lot change at pick-up. The small lot off the baseball field will be closed beginning November 12th for the charter school. The entire

parking lot of the Beaverton Christian Church will now be open to parents picking up their students. Please try your best to use the cross-walks. A couple more reminders, no dogs are allowed on school grounds and there are no u-turns on Wilson. Let's keep our children safe!

Oregon Battle of the Books is just around the corner. Sign-up will be right before the Thanksgiving Break. If you have children in the 4th or 5th grade, please encourage them to sign-up.

A big thank you to Kim Bonds for completing the school directory for 2013! If you would like the directory in worksheet form please contact her.

The Book Fair will be today and tomorrow and continue through the end of conferences. Remember a percentage of the sales comes directly back to Fir Grove and allows the school to buy new books for the library.

We did not have a meal coordinator for staff meals at conferences this year. Rhonda McCall stepped in to fill the position and needs some additional help with set-up and take down. She also noted that by providing the meals ourselves we saved the PTO over \$500 in catering fees. A discussion followed on who was available to donate food and help out.

There was a brief discussion on providing water for runners at next year's fun run. Looking into if we should ask students to bring their water bottles or if we will provide.

A wonderful thank you booklet was given to the PTO from Ms. Mohr and all her students. She was thrilled and very grateful for her new instruments the money from the Spring Penny Drive bought for her department.

Next PTO meeting will be December 3rd at 7pm in the Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50