

## Unapproved PTO Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2014

Attendees: Kelly Burns, Jason Burns, Rachael Wilde, Gretchen Wright, Rhonda McCall, Sarah Scott, Leah Lundy, Sandi Bone, Lisa Taylor, Nicole Burnham, Melissa Anderson, Kyle Templin, Amy Patton, Marne Oyen

Introductions were made and the minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 PTO meeting were reviewed and approved with an update to the spelling of an attendee's name.

Our principal, Mrs. Erica Marson, was unable to attend our meeting. She is currently out of town. It was noted that as part of the additional funds from the levy, Judy Grant has been hired as a math interventionist.

Sarah Scott, our Treasurer, was next on the agenda. She pointed out the PTO had received \$179.57 from Escrip. It was noted this is from things like registering your Safeway card online. It was also mentioned that Fred Meyer has a new program with their rewards card that allows you to earn money for your school. There was also a question about if we had received funds from Target Gives yet, we had approximately 283 votes total. Sarah will follow up on that. Also noted that Safeway sometimes gives Eboxtops on their receipts, please keep your eyes peeled for those as they can be turned in with your other box tops! Under expenses it was noted the PTO spent \$300 at Pizzicato for a gift card on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising night. This money will be used during teacher appreciation week for a pizza lunch. There was also a small expense for breakfast the PTO provided for visiting teachers from 4 different schools on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Finally, Mrs. Hausman used her \$100 to buy books for her classroom.

Leah Lundy, our Volunteer Coordinator, shared that we had hit 5,287 volunteer hours YTD and 1117 hours for the month of January. She also noted Valentine's Day parties are just around the corner on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30. Please contact her if you are interested in volunteering for the parties. There will be no school on February 17<sup>th</sup> due to President's day. Fir Grove's day to volunteer at the Clothes Closet will be February 19<sup>th</sup>. This supports our local families and each school takes one day a month to run the closet. It will be open from 9:30-4pm and it is helpful if volunteers can work 2 hour shifts. Rachael Wilde is the contact person for this event: [rachaelwilde@hotmail.com](mailto:rachaelwilde@hotmail.com). February 27<sup>th</sup> is the next Passport test date and Spring pictures. March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:15am will be Doughnuts for Dudes. Corri Lee has been organizing this event for us and this will be her last year. We are looking for a new coordinator for this event, please contact Leah Lundy if you are interested. April 17<sup>th</sup> will be this year's Science Fair. We are in need of about 8 people to run the event, please contact Leah Lundy if you are interested. Lastly, Spring Conferences will be 4/9 & 4/10. Rhonda McCall will be coordinating the meals for teachers and looking for parents to donate dishes. If you would like to help, please contact Rhonda. The PTO is also looking for parents to donate staff treats the first Friday of the months of April and May. One more note, don't forget to log your volunteer hours!!

Fundraising was next on the agenda. Our Penny Drive will be April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup>. The jugs will be in the Library and funds raised up to \$1,000, will go to P.E. this year. If we are able to raise money above \$1,000, the extra will be given to the Tech room.

The President's update was next. OBOB has been up and running twice a week. It should be concluding mid-February and then the finals begin. Last year the final battle was best 2 out of 3, this year the winner will be calculated by total points. This matches how regional battle of the books determines winners.

The Girls on the Run program mentioned at the last PTO meeting has filled up at Fir Grove. Sexton Mountain still may have a few spots available if anyone is interested.

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are running Val-O-Grams for \$.25 each delivered Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday until the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Val-O-Grams will be delivered at the end of the day. Funds raised will go to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade send-off.

Spring movies will start up March 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be 8 movies total with 9 show times; Frozen will be showing for two weekends due to its popularity. The cost will only be \$8 and \$3 of each ticket sold will go to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade send-off.

There were no committee updates.

Old business was next on the agenda. The cost of the calculators the PTO was considering buying was estimated to be under \$1,000. There was a motion to vote to approve the purchase of the calculators and a vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next up was a request that had been made at the last meeting from Sarah Makela for a buddy bench for the playground. Sarah has been investigating the bench a bit and has discovered there are many, many steps to get approval for equipment to be placed on the playground. She has requested some help and maybe to have a PTO member sit in with her for the meeting with Mrs. Marson. This information was passed along in care of Sarah Scott as Sarah Makela could not attend the meeting.

New business was next up. Mr. Templin, our P.E. teacher, made a request proposal for some new equipment for the playground in the amount of \$412. His plan is to set up age appropriate playground equipment. It was noted this had been done in the past with good success. He would like to implement this plan beginning next year as the prep and proposal to teachers to buy off on his plan will take a bit of time. He was also interested in purchasing Belly Bumpers for Field day this year for \$179. Our co- president, Sandi Bone, noted that because the amount Mr. Templin was requesting for playground equipment was less than \$500 the PTO board could vote to approve the proposal. The board voted and reimbursement was approved for the playground equipment. Copies of Mr. Templin's request are available upon request. He also made a request to use some of the Labels for Education points, which allows teachers to use the points to "buy" items they need. We encouraged him to take advantage of these points. He still may need funding for the Belly Bumpers and we reminded him he had a budget of \$100 from the PTO that he had not spent this year that might help with that.

Mr. Templin shared a few other items. He is starting an afterschool dodgeball league for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Tuesdays that will last approximately 8-9 weeks. He is considering doing the same for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on Thursdays. There is also an upcoming PE showcase that will include all PE teachers in the Beaverton School District. Mr. Templin mentioned setting up a page on the website, donors choose. This site allows teachers to request money for things they need. He has some big items he would like to acquire; an iPad and tripod were mentioned. Finally, Mr. Templin plans on running Field day this year and will be having sign up for the different events as we get closer to May.

The next 5<sup>th</sup> grade send-off fundraiser will be McTeacher night and is tentatively scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup> at the McDonalds at Cedar Hills and will be from 5pm to 8pm. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will receive 60% of the money from cookie sales and 20% of the whole night's sales.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm

Next PTO meeting will be March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:10am