

PSO Meeting
November 20th, 2015
Mary Woodward Cafeteria, 8:30am

Board Members: Laura Wiekling, Wendy Jenkins, Cheryl Payne, Natalie Como, Jenna Smith

Guest Speaker:

Marie Watkins from Tigard Turns the Tide came to the meeting to talk about the program. It was started in 1982 to prevent the abuse of drugs and alcohol through education. They teach about safe choices and healthy choices. They are a part of Senior Grad Night. They partner with the community, have forums, town halls. They provide parents with education as well. It is a program that is available as a resource for students and parents and how to have conversations with kids about drugs and alcohol.

Minutes:

The minutes from October 2015 were read and approved.

Treasurer Report:

Jog A Thon is close to meeting budget. There was a generous gift of \$1000 from the grandparent of a student. The playground was budgeted to cost an extra \$1000 on the 2015-16 budget. The Treasurer forgot to carryover the budgeted amount from May, 2015, to account for the additional projected costs of \$3200. Background - we were hoping to have an experienced parent help to drill the holes and manage the installation for the volunteers, which would have saved the PSO \$3,200+. When it was determined there was not going to be a volunteer to do the work, the PSO added \$3,200 to the budget for playground installation. In August, the PSO planned for additional playground repairs of \$1,000 so the final budget for the playground was supposed to be \$4,200. In October, a \$3300 check was written for the construction crew who drilled the holes and managed the parent volunteers who helped install the new. There is \$564 in playground improvement left, after unexpected costs were incurred related to extraction of the old playground set. Script deposits haven't gone through yet. MCT doesn't include the 2nd deposit but we will break even. There were less kids participating but through the DVD and ticket sales, we made up for it.

Volunteer Coordinator Report:

Total number of hours logged from July 2015 is 2167. November so far is 408.12 hours and last year 2014 it was 660.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

MCT:

This year we used a couple of the scholarships for kids. Next year we might look into having sponsorships from businesses to lower costs. Our tickets to the play are very inexpensive compared to other schools.

Science Fair:

The Science Fair is Monday. There are 126 kids participating compared to 175 last year. One reason might be there are two new 4th grade teachers this year and typically all the 4th grade teachers strongly recommend that all 4th graders participate. In the gym will be an airplane activity, computers for kids to play Minecraft, and robotic sumo wrestlers. The Police Department is not available to participate. We are looking for teachers and parents to be project reviewers and provide positive feedback. This takes place Monday after school.

Staff Appreciation:

The October lunch for conferences went good. There was a glitch with the email that went out to volunteers. For many it ended up in their junk email folder. The Cookie Exchange will be December 16th. It is very helpful for the staff to be able to take home a plate of cookies to share with guests and family.

Scrip:

The next order will be November 30th after Thanksgiving. There will be 3 Scrip orders before Christmas. Columbia Sportswear will be coming out with their employee store pass January 1st and returns are good for 60 days.

Eagle Mingle:

There will be an Eagle Mingle December 15th at Max's Fanno Creek Pub. It is family friendly. There will be a PSO update and social hour. Jerry Nihill will also be there.

Art Lit:

This month's artist is Dave Chihuly. It's a great, quick, hands-on project that focuses on color theory. There will be no December artist. The next training will be January 6th. The District holds art lessons once a month and the next one is December 3rd at 7pm at the District office. No kids please.

Specialty Fundraisers:

The Pizzicato fundraiser raised over \$650. The Halloween candy collection raised 223 lbs of candy. Fowler brought in 400 lbs of candy. We will get \$250 for participating and \$1 per pound collected. We are taking a break from the Valley Theater movie fundraiser due to lack of interest. We only made \$43 the last time we did it. On restaurant fundraiser nights, gift cards bought that evening at the restaurants can also be applied towards the fundraiser. We don't know if we will get the McMenamins fundraiser yet.

Family Events:

January 15th is the Family Event night. It would cost \$172 to license a movie to watch so we are thinking of doing Game Night instead. The Father Daughter Dance will be February 12th and we have a DJ and photographer lined up. Corsages for sale and a party at the event was also discussed. The Mother Son event will be February 5th.

Spring Auction:

300 donation requests have gone out. We've received 35 so far. Some of the items are tickets to Silverwood, Seahawks game, Mexico vacation, and a chance to do the weather on live TV with Andy Larson. Daycare at the school for that evening will be looked into. We are looking into making a video and need pictures. One suggestion would be to auction off Art Lit artwork. The event will be at Portland Golf Club on February 27th. Invitations will go out the first week of January. Tickets for the staff was discussed along with their spouses. Heather Jordan is going to head up class baskets. A flyer will go home asking for donations and hosted party events. The PSO website has a generic donation letter and form. Look for items at home to donate. The theme of the auction is Safari. Dan Busch, the principal at Fowler Middle School, will be the DJ and auctioneer. We are looking for wine donations as well.

President's Report:

The Riso copier has made 35,000 copies this year so far for the staff and PSO. Try to use the district copy shop for flyers or use 1/2 or 1/4 page to reduce the number. Boy Scout Troop #690 was renewed for another year. We are not sure if we will be having a meeting in December.

Misc:

The Ambassadors will be moving their money from district accounts to the PSO bank account. This was approved by all parties involved: PSO Treasurer, PSO President, Ambassador Parent Coordinator, Ambassador Treasurer, Ambassador Teacher Coordinator, Jerry Nihill, and Lindsay Darr (who previously handled all money related to the Ambassador program). This was done to make reimbursements and deposits easier and quicker.

The next meeting will be Friday, December 18th at 8:30am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15am.