

PSO Meeting
April 22, 2016
Mary Woodward Library, 8:30 AM

Board Members: Laura Wiekling, Wendy Jenkins, Cheryl Payne, Judy Swiger sub for Jenna Smith

Minutes

The minutes from March 2016 were read and approved.

Guest Speaker

Karen Emerson- Yes Tigard Tualatin PAC There is an upcoming TTSD Local Option School Levy coming up. People can go online to get more details about what the money will be used for, as well as share their thoughts on those projects. The new levy would be an increase in property tax, not a renewal like last year. Yes for Tigard Tualatin Pac is asking for a donation from PSO. Cheryl Payne will look into the legalities of us donating and then we can bring it to a vote. Sara Beck will be Mary Woodward's school liaison for the PAC for the upcoming year. For anyone willing to help promote the levy, it will involve putting labels on mailings, putting up yard signs or signs in car windows, a letter to the editor and door hangers.

Guest Speaker

Mike Scherschel -Super Play- They are offering free bowling, for the teachers for an end or beginning of the year staff party. Their goal is for our families to use Super Play as a fun family place. He gave free family bowling cards to everyone at the meeting. He would also like us to use them for fundraising events for Mary Woodward. They will give back half of the ticket sale price plus 10% of anything else sold in the time range of the event; they allow a big window of time for the event, rather than a few hours. They are also promoting a summer program, with no out of pocket expense to MW in which they give a punch card, so they don't expire, worth \$61 of activities. We can decide what our selling price would be, with Super Play getting \$10 of each card sold.

Treasurer Report

We have \$74,407 in our budget raised from our fundraising this year and probably have \$5000 still coming so our budget for next year will be good. We are 50% over what we budgeted for money raised this year. Scrip looks a little low because we are behind on deposits due to illness but they will be made soon. Paddle raise for technology will probably go to iPads but we might wait to see if the levy passes before a final decision is made.

Volunteer Coordinator Report

This year the total volunteer hours for March are 498. In 2015, the total volunteer hours for April were 778 and so far for this year we are at 456. Natalie will be out of town from May 17th-24th, so if you need a call out to volunteers you need to get the requests to her no later than May 15th.

Old Business

None

New Business

2016/2017 planning: The open positions for next year are family events, specialty fundraisers, room parent coordinator and picture day (this is only a one day job). Open board positions are president elect, secretary and assistant treasurer. We need to try to bring in new people so the people here are not spread so thin.

RISO Service Contract: The contract is expiring for next year and we need to decide if we want to continue the insurance program for service and maintenance. We are waiting for more details before a decision can be made.

Garden Gift: Some businesses give incentives for teachers to have their field trips at their location so they pay for the buses to transport the students; this means we have left over money in the bus fund. We will leave the line item there for next year, but this year we would like to reallocate that money for the garden, as we had to cut money from the

garden budget this past year. It can be brought to a vote at the next meeting. There will be a garden clean up for Earth Day, tomorrow from 9-2.

Staff Appreciation: There has been interest in buying a Keurig coffee maker for the teachers/teachers have been commenting on how nice it would be to have one in the staff lounge. Michelle moved to make the purchase using money from some of our unused funds. It was a unanimous vote to purchase the coffee maker with unused funds.

Committee Reports

Art Literacy: The gallery will be May 9 –May 20 and the last meeting is on April 27th.

Specialty Fundraisers: We made \$755 from Pizzacato night in April. Our last event will be May 10th at the Burgerville.

Health Challenge: This is an online health game that lasts 4 weeks. The app is the Meltdown Challenge and costs \$20 to participate with \$15 going to MW. People choose a weight lose goal or a goal to maintain current weight. There are recipes loaded under the resources tab. The winning class all gets pedometers. There is a newsletter going home focusing on family wellness.

Staff Appreciation Week: The theme is superhero. There will be door decorations with bubble notes the kids fill in with the superpower their teacher possesses. Monday they will be presented with the Keurig, Tuesday will be massage/spa day in the lounge, Wednesday is parent potluck day, Thursday is Mr. Nihil's treat, and Friday will be dessert day.

Son Event: This will take place the 13th of May. It will be an OMSI science event. They will send home a flyer asking for an RSVP, which helps them plan.

Carnival: June 3rd is the day of the carnival. They are still looking for booth representatives for McCombs, Morrow and Cannon. They also need volunteers for set –up, clean up and runners. Carnival is a great event for the dads to get some volunteer hours in.

Missoula Children's Theatre:

It will be October 24th -29th; it will be Peter Pan and Wendy. They do a school wide assembly that we will schedule for that week. There is a possibility the registration fee may go up and we may need to look at having some scholarship opportunities, so everyone who would like to participate can.

Principal's Report

On Monday, the students start their Smarter Balanced testing, which is all done on the computer. It will be done over a 4 week period so they are not overwhelmed and have plenty of time to complete it.

A Budget Estimates paper was handed out detailing how the money from the levy would be spent. The goal when figuring out the budget was to stay within the 40 cent mark on the assessed value of a home. The taxes would go up \$120 a year, on a house valued at \$300,000. The money will be going to 21st Century learning (technology and curriculum) and building maintenance and improvements. If the levy passes, it will relieve the regular budget to allow for more teachers.

Our district continues to grow with 130 new kids expected at MW in the next 5-8 years. Due to this growth, Art Lit. will have to give up the current room it is using. MW has temporary approval for a 4th, fifth grade class for next year. As of now, there are 58 students registered for kindergarten for next year giving us 3 classes.

President's Report

We will be voting for open board positions at the next meeting.

The next PSO meeting is on May 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.