**PSO Meeting**

**October 17th, 2019**

**Mary Woodward Cafeteria, 6 pm**

**Board Members Present:** Cyndi Clere, Danielle Smart, Erin Buck, Kristi Sloan, and Jen Vasicek.

Many new faces were at the pso meeting so introductions were made.

**Principal’s Report:**

N/A, Mr. Nihill is out of town.

**September 2019 Minutes:**

A few items are getting fixed and after changes has been approved.

**Treasurer’s report:**

Erin Buck stated that we have about $6000 in wiggle room this school year. The board and attendees approved a 1 time motion for this year’s budget to increase the teacher’s fund. This fund is for teachers to help buy supplies for their classroom. Normally given $250 for full time and $125 for part time, their budgets were increased by $50 for full time so teachers are reimbursed for $300 in personal spending for this school year and $25 part time teachers will receive $150.

There was discussion on what areas could benefit from more money. Steam room came up, staff room remodel, water bottle filler in the cafeteria, and mural/repainting black top. Nothing had been decided upon.

**Volunteer coordinator:**

Jen Vasicek spoke about the success of jog-a-thon but also that some parents that had signed up had been told that we no longer needed help. She is re-evaluating this as we would like to encourage anyone who wanted to help to give them something to do.

Events like the vision screening, picture day and movie night went really successfully. Upcoming events include garden cleanup on November 2, picture retakes and Missoula Children’s theater.

**Jog-a-thon**

Anna Dodds was not in attendance but Erin Buck said we had exceeded our goal and made $40,385.55. Using the “Get Moving” company seemed to work really well in driving online sales. There is an estimated $1800 that the company will be taking as profit.

**Movie Night:**

Danielle Smart and Kristi Sloan spoke about the movie night and said it was busy! We sold out of pizza, still have some candy concession items left to sell at our December movie night which will be December 6th. We will hold another movie night on February 21st as well.

**Walk and Roll:**

Jen Vasicek said there was a very small turnout for walk and roll despite our celebrity at Summerlake Park. Maybe 10 kids showed up at each location (Summerlake Park and Walnut St fire station). Walk and roll is help every 1st Wednesday of the month, so the next 2 events are November 6th and December 4th.We did have Safe Routes to school visit and do an evaluation of the entrance and exit into the parking lot at Mary Woodward and they are extending the no parking zone and moving signs to allow for congestion and buses to safely enter and exit the parking lot onto SW Katherine St.

The GREEN TEAM has been formed- 3 people have volunteered- a new committee position to do the following: recycle markers, a composting station in the lunchroom, bottle drop recycling, and investigate the need to add a water bottle filler drinking fountain in the cafeteria.

**Sharing Table:**

Danielle Smart who works in the cafeteria at lunchtime noticed other schools using a sharing table to combat food waste. Instead of kids throwing away foot that is sealed and/or fruit, they are welcome to place uneaten food items in either the fruit bin, the snack bin or the milk bin. Kids who finish their lunch are welcome to visit the sharing table and select more items to each. It has been very popular and the food waste has decreased.

**OBOB:**

Oregon Battle of the Books, or OBOB, is a statewide reading competition. Grades 3-5 come together in teams of 4-5 and read up to all 12 books. The Pso has purchased 9 copies of each title of the OBOB books for this year.

**Halloween:**

Each class has a room parent who will be in charge of organizing crafts and healthy food choices during the party.

**Book Fair:**

Held November 4-9th, they will be selling at lunch time and after school, later on Monday and Wednesday and all day Saturday the 9th. Fliers are going home but what worked well last year will be continued this year- an ewallet where parents put $ in an account and kids can buy books. Each teacher is fiven money for the classroom and given 1 certificate for a child that cannot afford to visit the book fair so they can pick out a book to keep.

**Missoula Children’s Theater:**

Jenny Herman has been the organizer for many years but this is her second to last year of this so looking for someone to take this on or shadow. They’re a non-profit out of Montana whose mission statement is “the development of life skills through performing arts”. They have tour teams that come out to our school on Monday after school, where students audition and are selected for roles. They rehearse all week and there is a full scale production on Saturday. This is a break even event- kids are charged $45 to participate with scholarship money available. Tickets are $3 in advance and $5 at the door, and it is a 1 hour show and kid friendly. They do need one family to host a tour actor all week. The production this year is “Snow Queen”.

**Specialty fundraisers:**

We need help coordinating for dining out night. Monica Bjers has volunteered to help.

Candy buy back, thanks to Wilson Orthodontics, we have won the past few years and earned $500 for our school. The 5th grade ambassadors will be collecting candy starting Monday before school so bring your candy in the week after Halloween.