

Jacob Wismer PTO
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2010

Welcome and Introduction: Robin welcomed us, and the meeting began at 7:09 pm. There were sixteen people in attendance.

President's Report: Recruiting is complete, and we now have a full roster. Please see attached.

We have a shell for the PTO website. The website still needs to be completed.

There is district PTO Education available through the school district. It includes Awareness, Marketing, and Communication.

The recipient of the Joyce Richards award has been decided. The award winner will be announced at the Volunteer Tea on Wednesday May 19th. The selection committee for the Joyce Richards Award consisted of the PTO president, the school principal, and school staff.

The school calendar and PTO scheduled events will be emailed to the PTO board. Please run the dates past the chairpersons of the committees that fall into your groups.

Jumpstart is Wednesday August 25th and Thursday August 26th. There will be help needed in the days leading up to Jumpstart to prepare the paperwork.

Approval of April Minutes: Brenda motioned to approve the April minutes with minor changes. Robin seconded. The motion was voted on and passed.

Principal's Report: A big thank you from the staff for Staff Appreciation Week. Thank you, thank you for everything. The staff really appreciated everything: the flowers, the notes, and especially the coffee cart.

Thank you for funding "The Rat Man." The kids loved him and want him back. He was very good, and we are recommending him to other schools. He did a great job of promoting books and the library.

Pam Edens received the drying racks for Art. Thank you very much for funding these.

Mr. Arnold ran 24 laps for which the children can compete to beat. Unfortunately, he hurt his back doing this.

For Kindergarten next year we will have two full day classes, one ½ day AM, and one ½ PM. There are 24 children in each of the full day classes. We need a minimum of 17 children to maintain a full day class.

Joan fought for us and got one teacher position back. Now we will lose two teachers instead of three.

Joan has been busy with finishing testing and end of the year activities.

Pat Kaer, the librarian, is retiring.

VP of Community Events Report: Nothing.

Art Infusion Team: Melissa read a note that Greta Pedersen, the Artist in Residence, wrote to Joan thanking her and the staff for making her feel so welcome and supported by all. She said that we have a magical community and hope that the parents appreciate how lucky they and their children are.

Art Literacy: The volunteers are almost finished presenting the last artist, Lois Mailou Jones. They children have been working with warm and cool colors. Their projects are turning out beautifully!

We have picked the dates and artists for next year. The committee has also been selected for next year.

The date for Celebrate the Arts has been moved up for calendaring. We are still coordinating the community artist for the mural.

Carnival: Chris Bacon, last year's Carnival Chairperson, purchased \$100 worth of prizes that were not popular with our children for the Sweet Peas Preschool Carnival.

Shannon Todd-Olsen, the new Chairperson, has a lot of positive energy around new ideas for the carnival this year.

Volunteer Coordinators: Volunteers have logged 7,888 hours so far this year.

We recruited Brenda Stober to chair the Science Expo. We are accepting names for the Science Expo Committee.

We still need to fill the following positions:

- 3 committee members for Carnival (Julie Tiffée)
- 2 committee members for Banking
- Chairperson for Picture Day
- Chairperson for Recess Assistant and committee members for Recess Assistant

The Recess Assistant Committee will run games during recess with direction from a staff member.

Background checks will need to be completed again next year. The district is meeting with regard to how this will be done. We are waiting to hear what the district decides.

Jog-A-Thon: All is going well. There is a big list of people who want to help. We are fine with volunteers, and we have quite a few prizes for each grade. The kids will be running both loops of the track, split by grade levels. There will be volunteers in the middle of the two track loops.

Great job on promoting this! The kids are very excited! The 5th grade leaders made posters. There are 100 ribbons that have been made that read: "I Beat Mr. Arnold".

Member at Large: Staff Appreciation Week went very well. Two baskets were raffled every day. Mr. Porter won the VIP basket.

Treasurer Report: Tobey spent hours this month making sense of our finances. The Income is looking really good. We brought in \$2,600 more than we thought we would by this time.

We earned \$21K from our fundraising so far this year. Total school support in our budget is \$25K. Of the \$25K we planned to give, we budgeted \$9K to receive from the Jog-A-Thon. We only need \$5.2K from the Jog-A-Thon to meet our goal.

Please see attached for more details regarding our financials.

Site Council/LSC: We are ready to put the Site Council survey online. We can email LSC for approvals. Everything is going smoothly.

THPRD wants to play soccer on our field. If they do, they will be responsible for maintaining the field. The school district says that we cannot accept requests affiliated with THPRD. LSC wants to decide how to handle requests for using the field. If THPRD does not use our field, then we pay to maintain our field.

Grade Reports:

K – Learning about oviparous animals; working on our recycled garden; continuing to learn our sight words and write in our journals.

1st – First grade is busy reading fast and writing a lot! We are investigating plant growth and getting ready for our upcoming zoo field trip.

2nd – We are studying insects. Most classes have mealworms so students can observe the life cycle of a beetle. Classrooms are having students write insect research reports. Students are learning / writing poetry.

3rd – Portland Field Trip. Metric Measurement Unit. Junior Achievement. Poetry.

4th – Oregon Trail Simulations, 4th Grade Music Program, Upcoming Pioneer Day

5th – We are excited about Biztown next week. Student store is going gangbusters. We enjoyed our trip to the “Clean Water Festival” funded by Tualatin River Rangers as well as other organizations. “Hands on Equations” learning algebra in a fun way. We’ll soon be starting a government unit learning how a bill becomes a law, the various branches of government, etc.

Specials:

PE: 1st Grade – Juggling

2nd Grade – Basketball

3rd Grade – Fitness Testing

4th Grade – Cooperative Activities

5th Grade – Cooperative Activities

Library: Author Visit – Curt Nelson.

Grades 4 & 5 – Battle of the Books. Final battle and teacher battle on May 26th.

Music: 4th Grade music program (Oregon Trail) Thursday May 13th

Art: 1st, 3rd, & 5th – Clay

2nd – Poetry, writing, and painting

4th – Castles

New Business: Thank you to the nominating committee members: Wendy, Rashmi, and Melissa for their work in creating the 2010-2011 PTO Board Nominees.

Robin presented the 2010-2011 PTO Slate. Nominations were taken from the floor. Nominations were closed. Brenda moved to approve the nominations as proposed. Melissa seconded. The motion was voted on and passed.

Please double check the contact information page for correct address and phone numbers. Cell phone numbers will only be shared with Joan, the secretaries, and the PTO board.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.