

Jacob Wismer PTO
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2011

President's Report: Robin called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. There were 17 people in attendance.

Introductions were made.

Robin reviewed the agenda.

Robin reported that the nominating committee for the Joyce Richards Reward met today to review the nominations. Please save the date: May 18th for the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. This is put on by the Jacob Wismer staff and is when the winner of the Joyce Richards Award is announced. We will talk about recruiting/nominations at the end of this meeting.

Lynn Hartigan asked who is on the nominating committee for the Joyce Richards Award. Robin said that it is the PTO president, the principal, and two staff members. This year those staff members were Deb Starr and Mary Getty.

Secretary's Report: Jana motioned to approve the April 12th minutes with minor changes. Melissa seconded. The motion was voted on and passed.

Principal's Report: Joan reported that the BSD budget committee is proposing to restore athletics as well as specialists for small schools as well as full time media specialists for all schools. They gave back the 260 days to the custodians. In order to pay for this they are talking about freezing all salaries. So no one will receive cost of living increases. For Jacob Wismer this tentatively means that we will have a full time media specialist. Grades 1-3 will have five classes and grades 4 and 5 will have four classes.

Local Option Levy is slated for this fall. Joan is looking for 1-2 parents to attend a meeting with her on May 24th with regard to the Levy.

A company came in to the school to do a security audit. They have decided to make a floor to ceiling window where the volunteer computer sign-in currently resides. This way the office staff will be able to better see who is coming and going.

Mr. Kong and Ms. Newman ran for the Jog-A-Thon today. They each ran 28 laps to set the goal for the students.

Please come to the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. We are going to be serving some delicious salads. The theme is Volunteers Rock!

Geralyn asked if the plan for next school year was to continue the looping of 2nd/3rd grades and 4th/5th grades. Joan said that yes, this is still the plan.

The projected enrollment for next year is 717. The District's bar for a school to have a Vice Principal has been raised to an enrollment of 850 students.

Next year Jacob Wismer will have a ½ time counselor.

VP of Fundraising Report: Geralyn reported that we raised \$114 at the Curry Leaf Restaurant night. The owner, Uma, was very excited because she felt like this brought in some new customers.

Marlo reported that things are going well with planning the Jog-A-Thon. We have lots of volunteers thanks to Margaret and the HelpCounter software. The date is May 25th!

VP of Community Events Report: Nothing to report.

Volunteer Coordinators Report: Margaret reported that Mark, the HelpCounter developer, is coming up with a neat system which has a nice way to collect everyone who is signed up to volunteer for an event including specific shifts.

Member at Large Report: Joan reported that the staff was so spoiled last week during Staff Appreciation Week. It is such a fun week and is really a boost. Thank you for the luncheons, the food, Jana's cookies, etc. It is a week that they all look forward to. They appreciated the gift baskets and the ice cream on the last day.

Jana thanked Shari Krauss and Dawn Morgan for all of the hard work that they put into Staff Appreciation Week.

Treasurer's Report: Tobey reported that our net income collected so far this year is \$23K. Our expenses are \$29K. We only need \$6K from Jog-A-Thon. Anything more that we bring in will be able to go toward technology purchases for the school. Write-A-Check + Matching Gift is \$9,376 so far this year.

Melissa suggested that a possibility for future purchases would be a new trophy case as the current one is overflowing.

Tobey said that she would like to suggest purchasing additional supplies for Junior Great Books.

Robin asked if we have a chairperson for JGB next year. Tobey said that no, there is no one slated for this job for next year.

Liz said that the Art Literacy laptop is 6 ½ years old and will need to be replaced soon. Liz has approached the District to see if they will pay for this. If not, Liz will be approaching the PTO to replace this laptop.

Tobey said that another item for the wish list would be some type of nice-looking sound-absorbing materials for the pods.

Site Council/LSC: Joan reported that the LCS is going to be meeting in June. It is going to be a big meeting because they will be reviewing all of the building use applications. All three of the men on this committee are at the end of their second term. They will be looking to replace these positions in the fall. In the past these positions have been elected positions. They will be looking at how to fill these positions going forward.

Lynn Hartigan, the chairperson of the Passport Club, has proposed that for the 4th grade we will add maps of the US including lakes and rivers, etc. For 3rd and 5th grades the Passport Club program will be optional. If the children decide to do this they will sign a contract agreeing to do Passport for the entire year.

Gretchen Takahashi, who is on the Site Council this year, has reported that she will not be on the Site Council next year as she is moving out of state.

Arts Edge Committee: Liz reported that on April 25th we had training for Pieter Breugel. It went very well. This is an oil pastel painting with a figure. Liz thanked all of the Art Literacy Volunteers. We have 100% of our classes covered in Art Literacy. Some schools only have 25% of their classes covered.

Liz reported that at least 11 Jacob Wismer Celebrate the Arts students will be performing at the retirement party of Jerome Colonna, the District Superintendent.

Pam Edens reported that Carrie Moore will be able to meet with every class 3 times. Carrie loves working at Jacob Wismer. She loves the students, the parent volunteers, and the natural light we have for their work space.

Farwest Fibers donated \$550 worth of material for our Artist in Residence project which reduces our cost by this amount.

PTO Liasons: Deb gave the grade reports:

K – Erik Carl, oviparous animals, Andy Warhol, plant life cycles, weather.

1st – Little Felix, Flat Stanley, garden plants, zoo field trip (polar animals), habitats.

2nd – Science week last week: engineering design: mortar for rock wall to stand up, pulled iron out of cereal with magnets; field trip next week to Bethany Village: 20-25 business will be visited by 6-8 students at a time; love the Artist in Residence.

3rd – Artist in Residence, last OAKS testings, US symbols.

4th grade – human growth, play production, Oregon Trail.

5th grade – Biztown: business costs, loan applications, print/tv ads.

Art – Clay! Lots of clay! 1000 lbs of clay! The clay roller that the PTO bought has really changed the ability for the kids to manipulate the clay.

Present New Slate of Officers (Robin):

Slate of Officer Nominations for
2011-2012 Jacob Wismer PTO Board

President – Kim Beaton

VP Fundraising – GERALYN Kerprich

Secretary – Julia Gaynor

Volunteer Coordinator – Margaret Littman

Volunteer Coordinator – Nina Kelley

Member at Large – Crysta Dorkin

VP Community Events – Lynn Hartigan

Treasurer – Reena Akkal

Melissa motioned to approve the slate of officers for the PTO board. Liz seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Robin asked each of the out-going officers to meet with the incoming officers to transition the positions over the next few weeks. Robin said that both past and present boards need to meet soon to plan the 2011-2012 PTO budget.

New Business: Melissa reported that after speaking with some teachers and with Joan that there is some interest in Outdoor School for the 5th grade class. Melissa is trying to collect information in support of this program. The idea is that this would be an ongoing tradition for future 5th grade classes. If anyone is interested in talking about this, please contact Melissa Gilley.

Nina Kelley asked if this is a spend-the-night type of camp. Melissa said that yes, this is typically a 3 day and 2 night event. This program started in Oregon in 1966. In the past all Beaverton schools went to Outdoor school. This program has been cut over the years due to the cost. Many local schools still attend. Outdoor school would replace the Fifth Grade Sendoff Party.

Robin said that the next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday June 14th and will be run by the new PTO Officers.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.