

Jacob Wismer PTO
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2011

President's Report: Kim called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. There were 19 people in attendance. Introductions were made. Kim reviewed the agenda.

New Business Brad Burke of Sun Creek local little league baseball presented. Registration starts in December. It's for ages 5-12. They do T-ball, A-ball, AAA. The difference with Sun Creek is that they use U.S. Little League accredited rules. Their teams are eligible to go to Little League World Series. Friday, Feb 10 is their Back-to-Baseball information night. Sun Creek and Willow Creek are about inclusion. They will find a spot for every child to play.

Secretary's Report: Liz Caswell motioned to approve the October minutes. GERALYN KERPRICH seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Principal's Report: Principal Joan McFadden reported that Jacob Wismer School received an \$1,800 donation from Oak Hills Soccer Club that is designated for Art Literacy. The room that has the laminator had a safety review. Needed adjustments are being made. First grade teacher Carol Stewart is coordinating a school food drive. Fourth grade teacher Dan Silver is coordinating a toy drive for children with cancer. The students decided to do that. Second grade teacher Krista Toevs is collecting used back packs for children who are homeless in downtown Portland; also the children's idea.

Exception Eagle charts are being used. Students have to really go above and beyond to receive an Exceptional Eagle. Joan referred to Delaram Hakimian-Adyani, who said that Wednesday, March 8th, will be Walk to School on Wednesday day. If interested in helping, see Delaram or Joan.

VP of Fundraising: GERALYN KERPRICH reported that the Pizza Schmizza restaurant night was very successful. JW PTO earned \$547. Next time it will be done over two nights, in spring. Thursday night, November 17th, 4 p.m.-close, there will be a Piccolo Mondo shopping night fundraiser. Melissa Gilley said that the 5th graders are fund raising for their various activities. They just finished Biz Town. There will be an end of year event, Outdoor School, and Memory book. The 5th graders are doing a See's Candy fundraiser, collecting until November 29th. On February 4th there will be a pancake fundraiser. Parent volunteers are needed to help with the student store. Business donations are welcome. Jana Hiser said that the PTO will be selling sweatshirts.

VP of Community Events: Lynn Hartigan said that the carnival raised \$7,148; \$4,147 was spent for it. Crowding will be addressed for the next carnival. Cherie Tan & Andrea Crowe will lead the 2012 carnival.

Volunteer Coordinators: Nothing to report.

Member at Large: Crysta Dorkin is working on the Staff Appreciation luncheon. Almost all set. Safeway is donating food.

Treasurer's Report: Reena Akkal distributed printed copies and displayed a Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report and Profit & Loss by Class Report, both for July 1 through November 8, 2011. Innisbrook will be \$1,000 more than the report shows. The reports don't include income from the recent Pizza Schmizza restaurant fundraiser. Lynn Hartigan asked what Destination Imagination is. It is a past activity. Student Enrichment is Artist in Residence, Author Visits etc. Under Carnival expense is really \$4,147.32 because of the \$800.00 used for petty cash. Delaram asked why no money is under Class Parties. It is under Income Program Revenue.

Site Council/Community Engagement Committee (CEC): No one wanted to be on the CEC, so Principal McFadden asked the Site Council if would also do the CEC functions; they agreed. Site Council member Brian Schnell & the husband of Site Council member Ryoko Kitajima used to be on the Local School Committee (the former CEC).

Arts Edge Committee: Liz Caswell said that Celebrate the Arts is on Thursday, March 1st. About 60 people were trained for Art Literacy. The Miro project received much positive feedback from parents. It's being done through Dec. 9th. Liz said she truly appreciates the Art Lit volunteers. There are schools where ½ the classes don't do Art Literacy because there are not enough volunteers. January 9th is next. The artist featured is Faith Ringgold. Students will be doing a story "quilt." They will also read a song and book she wrote.

There are 64 fourth and fifth grade students in the Jacob Wismer Choir. On December 6th, they will perform at the Washington Square Mall. Artists in Residence candidates are being interviewed for selection for the next two years. Pam Edens said there will be a quick celebration during school to celebrate the art installation. The Regional Arts Commission approved a grant for \$1,000 for the Artists in Residence.

Pam presented a request for funding for supplies for artists Rousseau and David, the two additional artists for Art Literacy that Pam is doing. Pam addressed questions about the request. Liz motioned that \$737 be appropriated for Pam Edens to use from Art Lit to use. Margaret Littman seconded. The motion passed.

PTO Liasons: Allison Guilfoyle gave a report of what the classes have been doing:

1st Grade: Thanksgiving, Pilgrims & Wampamoags

2nd Grade: Simple machines, Thanksgiving

3rd Grade: Wax Museum, biographies research skills, note taking, speech writing. Metric and U.S. standard measurement systems.

4th Grade: U.S. regions and resources. Multiplication facts, strategies etc. The owl and its digestive system.

5th Grade: Fabulous trip to Biz Town. Thank you to the PTO for the generous support! 5th graders are fundraising to lower the cost of Outdoor School.

Library: Allison said that Jane Hamilton wants the PTO to know how humbled she was at the generous participation at the book fair this year, which grossed a little under \$13,000.00. The school receives \$4,000-5,000; some of the proceeds were taken in cash so Jane can go to different vendors for needed books. Thanks to all who volunteered, but especially chair Sara O'Donnell! Another book fair is planned for the spring with Barnes & Noble. Library activities by grade: Kindergartners: jack-o-lantern life cycle, Kindergartners & First Grade: parts of a book, title page information, book call number, every book has its own "home" in the library. Checking out books and remembering to bring back checked books. First Grade: finding a book that's just right, new authors/titles. Second and third grade: upgrade of what 1st grade is doing, Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award, broadening choices. 4th grade: online card catalog review, new titles/authors. Fifth Grade: The Dewey Decimal connection to books about the topic of the American Revolution, which Ms. Phillips has designed a program around. Beaverton School District research resources. Oregon Battle of the Books has 30 teams with about 150 students total. We have had two lunch meetings to explain it and answer questions.

Derek Porter distributed a budgeted list of technology items that the school hopes to receive. Much of the school's technology equipment is coming to its life end; it's the original equipment from when the school opened. The District has said there probably won't be financial support for new technology for the school. There was a big donation of lap tops; Jacob Wismer got 33. Each grade gets 5; remainder will go to the library.

Printers and projector bulbs are the highest priority--practically essential. \$1,776 for printers. The projector bulbs cost \$870. Among other things listed is one color printer for upper grade staff, one for lower. Currently there is one in the office. Headphones are also listed—maybe can find cheaper than is noted.

Melissa Gilley asked who made input on the list. Derek said a large number of teachers. Melissa motioned to approve \$1,776. Jana Hiser seconded. Motion passed. Derek said he spent a day in another district and they're using iPads. He has been emailing Amazon and others about the products. Everyone loves the Mobis.

New Business: A motion to cancel the December meeting was made, seconded and passed. (Secretary's note: following the meeting, the need for a brief meeting arose to continue progress on meeting the school's technology needs.)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.