

PTO Meeting Minutes - Dec. 13th 6:00pm

President's Report (Bradi Gates)

We held a fundraising disbursement meeting today brainstorm ideas for Jogathon funds. One thing discussed was that we may not hold as much in reserve as we have in the past (we've held about 40k over for the last few years, we may reduce this to around 30k). We will send out more details when we've finished the discussion.

Secretary Report (Merideth Manwiller)

Nothing to Report

Principal's Report (Joan McFadden)

Elementary Boundary Update

- Advisory committee reviewed material and public testimony and made a recommendation to the superintendent.
- The recommendation does not change Jacob Wismer's current boundary.
- The superintendent will review the Committee's recommendation and submit his recommendation to the School Board on January 9 2017.
- The School Board will either adopt recommendation or ask for more data based on policy criteria.
- The public can still testify before the school board or submit information online.
- Boundary Map is available online. Eventually there may be a second new elementary school in the area but that would not be until 2023 at the earliest.

Need a variety show date to reserve gym/cafeteria

- Still no confirmed chairperson or committee for the variety show. Sarah may have a lead for a chairperson for this event, she will reach out and copy Jen. May 19th is preferred by Board, and 18th for rehearsal. Joan will request these dates.

Community Partnership Report (Tracy Bariao)

This year we will look into having an Artist in Residence instead of assemblies - Tracy will work on this, and possibly do assemblies if we can't find one.

Fundraising Report (Amy Charon)

- We will have the World Class Taekwondo Fundraiser with Master George in February
- Will try to plan some restaurant nights for 2017
- 5th Grade Activities: We are planning to move the current sub-budget and fundraisers for these activities to the main PTO budget so that it can be tracked and supported like all other PTO supported events. Will work out final details and make a motion at a future meeting.
 - Need a volunteer for t-shirts, other volunteer leads are in place.
 - We still have 21 fitness tracker watches - we can use them to support 5th grade activities (per Mark and Anne who donated them). Maybe use them at the party

for prizes? Maybe do a raffle to auction them off? We will figure out a plan in next few weeks.

Community Events Report (Sarah Sperbeck-Koenders)

Author Visit is planned - all paperwork is done and submitted. Event is January 10th - we will need volunteers to help with taking pictures and helping organize kids during the activity. There will be 3 breakout sessions and 2 assemblies.

A separate Eblast communication will be sent for this as we won't have a PTO Newsletter in time.

Another school may be interested in sharing with us (although this is very tricky). Previous chair may be interested in chairing another one. We may consider it if the visit is far enough out on the calendar as it can't interrupt testing. Also may depend on the author to whether we want to support another event this year.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report (Amy Roskowski & Jen Politsch)

- Have chairpeople contact Amy R. for any help with getting shifts set up, eblasts sent out to help recruit and coordinate volunteers for any events.
- **Variety Show** - Still needs a chairperson or committee (Per earlier discussion, Sarah will reach out to her contact who may be interested and copy Jen Politsch on it.)
- **OSOB** - In the next Newsletter we can modify the current proposal for help and ask for interested people as opposed to someone who will chair the event. May need to let this one go? Bradi may put it on community bulletin board. Will revisit at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Angela Babst)

- We received 11k from benevity (employer matching). There is still \$3400 pending that just hasn't been released yet.
- Directories is not usually a fundraiser but this year we made \$463 because chairperson bound it all themselves!
- Clothes Closet Donation - Amy Kraft talked with Joanna at the Clothes Closet and was told that JW has historically donated \$400, but last year was \$800 because we had missed a year. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to fund \$500 to clothes closet this year. This is an indexed increase and this amount will be used going forward.
- Reconciliation of Employee Matching estimates to actuals- Need to get receipts from MK on what was expected to match and compare to what was collected. Will ask MK for that number of expected matching - and Angela will compare to gross amount collected.

Member At Large Report (Jyothy Vemuri)

Had previously looked into the elimination of plastic utensils from cafeteria. Joan will follow up with Nutrition Services and Bethany Elementary on how this is working for them.

New Business

Question from Dan Silver: Had meeting with Future Ready group and learned that some teachers and staff have begun transitioning away from projectors. Instead they use a 40-50 inch screen on wheels using Apple TV. He is interested in doing a test run of this setup with 3-5 projectors. Ballpark amount 350-500 for TV, apple TV 100, cart 150. Can they make a proposal to have this trial funded by the PTO?

Answer: Sounds like great technology and PTO would absolutely consider funding this to benefit teachers and staff at our school, and this seems like very useful technology as well as something that could be implemented this year to start getting some of the benefits. Dan to Submit the details to Bradi for review and we will discuss again.

Grade Level Updates for December 13, 2016

Kindergarten:

Kindergarten has been doing a study of reindeer (caribou). We have compared fiction and non-fiction. We have learned many fun and interesting facts. Did you know that their feet actually change size between summer and winter! They are small ice pick hooves in the winter, and soft - walk on the grass - hooves in the summer!

We have been reading different versions of the Gingerbread Man - there are soooo many! We are comparing characters, settings, problems and solutions. There are quite a few versions where the Gingerbread Man does not get eaten by a fox, plus Gingerbread boys, girls, pirates, ninjas, and babies.

Thank you to the PTO for all you do!

1st Grade

First Grade is busy with Globe Trot Scott. He is traveling all around the world teaching the first graders about how various countries celebrate the holidays. They are loving it! Each day the children wonder where the imaginary character, Scott will be taking them.

2nd Grade

Second Grade is delving deep into a study of the Wampanoag people. It is fascinating! Regrouping is the math study of late, with borrowing, carrying, and all kinds of regrouping with three digits no less! Nonfiction reading and lots and lots of writing rounds out our days.

3rd Grade

Third Grade is having a great time doing winter arts crafts galore! We are wrapping up multiplication and division and getting ready for our next math unit. Lots of prodigy, Newsela, and Zearn is being utilized with our Future Ready resources and we are exploring math workshop and all that has to offer

4th Grade

Salmon! We've got some very active swimmers who will go in the Tualatin River this Saturday. We will release our salmon (weather dependent, check Mr. Silver's website for updates the day of) at Rood Bridge Park in Hillsboro, at noon. We are working on free form art projects with multiple colors and layers. We are deep in multi digit division and learning all kinds of strategies.

5th Grade

Fifth Grade is having a great time creating marble runs with our engineering and design skills. How to defy gravity with friction is the name of the game. We have all kinds of fun arts and crafts projects going on. We are starting up with fractions shortly and are very excited to start in on our explorers' unit in the coming new year.

Music:

From Mrs. Belgique

5th grade-We're looking at accents in music (when notes are stressed or emphasized) by learning a dance called Troika.

4th, 3rd, 2nd grade- Learning about accelerando (when music speeds up) and ritardando (when music gradually slows down). Both Sasha (familiar dance) and Troika (new dance) have an accelerando in them--it's a good way to learn this concept in your body before you play it on an instrument.

K/1-Tempo changes (fast vs slow) in singing, moving and playing instruments. Practicing rhythms with jingle bells. Patterned movement--preparation for folk dancing in later grades--using a dance called Niguno Shel Yossi.

All-practicing songs for sing along.

From Mrs. Shuck:

This is a musical week for Jacob Wismer!! The honor choir concert is Thursday evening at 6:30 in the cafeteria!!! It will last until about 7pm and all are welcome to attend. Our Laurel Parc performance (scheduled for last Sunday) was postponed due to our school closings last week and will be rescheduled for another day. Our students are having a school-wide sing-a-long/assembly on Friday morning which is also 'pajama day'-So, we'll be singing in our pj's on the last morning before break. Thank you to the PTO for all you do for the students and staff here at Jacob Wismer!!!! The Thanksgiving turkeys with notes were wonderful, and they are still making me smile!