

PTO Meeting Minutes - February 7th 6:00pm

President's Report (Bradi Gates)

Fundraising Disbursement Summary

Board has met and discussed allocation of funds from this year's fundraising efforts. We had about \$21,000 to work with after all existing budget items have been accounted for this year, and leaving a \$30,000 carry forward balance for next year.

Here are line items discussed and approved by the PTO Board:

Reader board for the front of school to aid/increase communication about school events.
\$12,000 - We feel this is a good estimate but could be more or less depending on the options that are chosen. As a reference, the board at Stoller was \$14,000, but some of this was the brick work. We do need to get this application in ASAP to have any hope of getting this done in 2017, and we also need to finalize details re: maintenance of the board - who will be responsible for and have access to change it, etc. Bradi has link to application for capital improvement and will get that started.

Classrooms - \$2,700 - Will give \$100 to each classroom. Angela will begin disbursement process.

5th Grade Activities Outdoor School - \$3,000. This is money specifically allocated to offset the cost of Outdoor School including providing scholarships to those students in need. These are utilized each year so are very valuable to those that need it. The other money earned by 5th grade will go to the general budget and can be utilized to pay for the other costs keeping in mind there is also a \$1,400 carryover from last year. The 5th grade committee can decide if it wants to further offset the cost of outdoor school with this carryover money or has other expenses it should pay for from discussions with the 5th grade teacher team.

Classroom Apple TV equipment - \$3,600 - Allocating budget to do one for each grade. JW next year will be a 1 for 1 school with Chromebooks provided to each student so we think this will be very valuable for instruction.

- Input from Joan: In Grade Level Facilitator meeting it was brought up that teachers would like to start with 2 setups, one that Dan Silver will use and help train other teachers to understand how it works, and one that is available for use by other teachers (or could be piloted by another teach along with Dan).
- We will keep the \$3600 funding in place, and teachers and administrators can determine the speed of the rollout .

Secretary Report (Merideth Manwiller)

Nothing to Report.

Principal's Report (Joan McFadden)

Steam Night - Very successful from parents and teachers point of view. Parents reported really enjoying being able to do the workshops side by side with their kids. Feedback from parents was that it was a great way for parents who don't normally get to attend events to become involved. Also, communication regarding times and process for choosing a class/workshop was well done relieving some of the stress with getting into a family's preferred workshop.

For these reasons STEAM night may be repeated in April with a few tweaks (for example asking students for science boards to have as one of the available exhibits).

Joan made slide show of what everyone's class looked like and will share it so everyone can see what others had done and the event in action.

Award Holders - Glass displays to go up where plaques are currently, and the winners can be displayed each year. There will be one for each award presented to students at the recognition assembly in the spring.

Taekwondo Fundraiser Flyer - This will need to go through the district process for approval since it is for registration to a class. This is a process that the business owner can do and the link to begin the flyer approval process is on the JW website. This is a district process that happens once a month, and thought is that Master George can submit the flyer for approval now (without specific dates), and then it can be used for any dates in the future. Other option is to make it a PTO flyer without the registration on it.

Community Partnership Report (Tracy Bariao)

Selected 4th Graders will take NAEP assessment on Feb. 28th This is a district selected test, and participation is completely random. Parents of students selected have already been notified.

Tracy has worked with Ken Derbenti to schedule 2 Young Audiences assemblies in March

- Rainbow Dance March 3
- Do Jump! March 10

We will not have an "Artist in Residence" this year, but may be able to schedule more assemblies this year if timing and logistics allows.

At the last Community Partnership meeting, Tracy described our Translator Tree that is being piloted this year for the JW Journal and PTO Newsletter. Volunteers will translate an abbreviated version of each newsletter in their language, for distribution to non-native English speaking families.

The school is applying for a BEF (Beaverton Educational Foundation) Grant for school wide Solar Eclipse project. Patty Blechman (3rd Grade Teacher) highlighted the project:

August 21st there will be a total solar eclipse. The moon will block sun for 2 mins starting between 10:15-10:19 am. The Portland area will see about 80%, but further south (Mcminnville, Salem, Newport) will see 100%. This is being called Great American eclipse, and the school would like to leverage this event to get kids excited about science. Studies show that there are more jobs in the science field than there are students pursuing them, and that between grades 3-5 is the ideal time to get kids interested in pursuing science as a possible career path.

In the spring, a school wide assembly will be held to educate about the eclipse, and kids will be able to perform a mock eclipse together. The BEF Grant is asking for supplies to make models in class, flashlights, and for 2 books about eclipse for the classrooms.

In addition, kids will need viewing glasses for the eclipse and there is a 3rd book that Patty is hoping to make available in each pod. Would like to request PTO funds for solar glasses and books, which would come out to approximately \$500. She will send the details to Bradi Gates for review and Board vote.

Fundraising Report (Amy Charon)

- **Taekwondo Fundraiser** - February fundraiser is going on now. 15 kids participating in this session.
- **Restaurant Night at Bethany Public House** is March 1st from 11am-9pm. They will donate 15% of all purchases. Families must bring flyer for donation to be recorded.
- **Box Tops and Labels for Education Update (Martine Ayers)**

Martine Ayers has counted up all existing Labels for education and it's totaled 174881 points! We can use these points to purchase Visa Gift Cards (they do expire 1 year after receipt). We have enough for 7 \$250 gift cards. After discussion, a motion was made by Amy Charon, and seconded by Amy Roskowski to purchase these 7 gift cards totaling \$1750 (and an additional one for \$25 for the winning classroom). Martine will get this started.
- **5th Grade Activities**
 - Next meeting Feb 8th at 11am . Volunteers are coming into place, updates will come out through the newsletter.
 - Amy Roskowski will get STEAM pics from Joan for the 5th grade memory book. This year there are no 5th grade students who cannot have their picture used.
 - The volunteer working on memory book will set up a dropbox site, and ask that parents and teachers upload pictures there.
 - **Question:** Is there Uhaul available for transporting supplies for Outdoor School?
Answer: Usually this transportation is something a parent from the grade donates since it doesn't involve transporting students. The committee will get this communication started to see if a parent can volunteer something.

Community Events Report (Bradi Gates for Sarah Sperbeck-Koenders)

Author Visits - Sarah working with Jillian Starr and Tracy Bariao to get current OBOB author Heidi Schulz to visit our school on March 24th. There will be two assemblies and then meetings after and will cost approximately \$1000 - we still have about \$2000 - \$3000 left for the year.

Staff Appreciation - Sarah made little goody bags with pretzel chocolate treats for all teachers and staff. Amy Roskowski will be adding a few more things to the bags and attaching a little love note, and Noopur Saxena will be decorating the staff room!

Bollywood Dance - Sonia and Jasmine are squaring away final details and food for Feb 10th Bollywood night. They have requested petty cash from Angela for the event and know that the budget is a strict \$1,200.

Variety Show - Not been able to recruit someone interested in chairing the event. Others are willing to help if anyone else has had luck recruiting for it.

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

- OSOB - Not found a person or committee interested in chairing this event. We can do one last call in newsletter.
- Jen will start reaching out to existing chairpersons to see if there will be any vacancies for next year.

Treasurer's Report (Angela Babst)

- Valentine Party funds have been disbursed.
- Matching fund are still trickling in. Looks like all matching funds indicated during Jogathon collection, have come in!
- Reimbursement form submission for teachers will likely extend for about for 2 weeks past spring break so they have ample time to input forms for the additional \$100 allocated to them.

Member At Large (Jyothi Vemuri)

Nothing to report.

Grade Level Updates for February 7th, 2017

1st Grade

First grade is about to begin a story elements unit. We are going to a Fly Guy play on Thursday and the kids are very excited! We are finishing measurement in math and will be moving into place value. Busy times!

2nd Grade

We're working on erosion. There are some cool kits from the district science folks. And the videos of floods and road collapses are very popular.

Also, we are working mainly on nonfiction reading (Lucy Calkins and Jenny Serravallo) and informational writing (also Lucy Calkins).

3rd Grade

Third Graders loved the STEAM night and all the activities.

We are scheduling lessons with Mr. Bundy of the Future Bus to work with Lil' Bots. All classes have learned about basic circuits and built a circuit with AA battery and a holiday light bulb. Some classes are working on their Arts for Learning Units, Character Traits in Action.

4th Grade

We are wrapping up Opinion Writing and Informative Writing. We have been working on engineering and design projects. We will start to raise trout next week and are very excited for our next round of fish. We are also having fun using Ozobots, small line following robots that can be given coded instructions.

5th Grade

Fifth grade is taking a hiatus from Engage New York math for the first week in February and we are doing a week-long program called "You Cubed" Inspirational Math. Here is a description: This week is about inspiring students through open, beautiful and creative math. We have chosen the different tasks so that students see math as a broad, interesting and visual subject that involves deep thinking. Students will learn important growth mindset messages that will help them feel confident, try harder all year, persist with open and difficult problems and embrace mistakes and challenge. All tasks are low floor and high ceiling – they are accessible to all students and they extend to high levels.

Additionally, we are gearing up for our traditional Early World Explorer Wax Museum, which will be featuring costumed fifth graders, waxing poetic about their trials and tribulations as world explorers. Visitors are welcome to come and learn about explorers in the fifth grade classes on Friday, February 17th, from 1:45 – 2:45.

Music:

Learning Targets:

Effort/Collaboration-I follow instructions and music room procedures and take charge of my own learning.

Skills/Concepts-I can perform on instruments alone and with others.

4th/5th –Violins: The district has rolling carts of violins (30) and it is our turn for our 5 week time slot. 5th grade covers a little more ground as they've had violins in 4th grade. 4th graders are excited because it's new to them. We will wrap up mid-February. The kids have worked on holding violins, their bow grip and playing songs (Hot Cross Buns, Twinkle Star, etc.)

3rd/2nd — Both grades have been studying expressive qualities of music (dynamics, tempo, articulation). 3rd grade playing recorders, 2nd grade playing xylophones.

K/1st –Working on Call and Response songs (Bill Grogan's Goat, Down By the Bay), getting into Valentine's day songs this week. Tempo changes-fast and slow. Xylophones-on a pentatonic scale (CDEGA). Kids doing great and excited to use instruments. Wonderful students. A pleasure to work with them.

PE:

Mr. VV just started working on some nutrition stuff in PE. And Mr. Arnold just started some racquet skills stuff (tennis, badminton, etc.)

ESL:

We really had fun at Steam Night! We will begin ELPA 21 soon and We love our Jacob Wismer parents and helpers... They are amazing...

Counseling:

I'm starting the second round of small groups. The first round went very well (despite all the snow days). For classroom curriculum, here are the lesson topics I'm teaching about this month:

Kindergarten: Respect and Friendship

1st grade: Bully proofing

2nd grade: Personal Safety

3rd grade: Family Diversity

4th grade: Gossip and Rumors

5th grade: AVID program