

PTO Meeting Minutes - March 7th 2017 - 6:00 pm

President's Report (Bradi Gates)

PTO Alumni Scholarship

- Bradi will make contact with the Career Development Centers at Westview and Sunset High Schools with updated application.
- Asking that others please help spread the word about the availability of these scholarships.
- This year there will be 3 scholarships for \$300. One is focused particularly on service (in honor of Cheri Pun who was so volunteer focused).
- Deadline to submit applications will be April 21st.

Volunteering Awards

- Nomination process for Joyce Richards Volunteering Award will start shortly.
- The award will be given at the Volunteer Appreciation breakfast in May.

Open Board Positions

- Highlights of open positions has been posted to the Community Center bulletin board and also included in the last PTO Newsletter.
- Hoping to generate interest from new folks looking to get involved. Some of the current board members also interested in taking other positions next year, which is great news!

Secretary Report (Merideth Manwiller)

Nothing to Report.

Principal's Report (Joan McFadden)

- Volunteer Sign for Office
 - Len Mathes designed a beautiful poster recognizing volunteers that will be hung above the check-in computer. Thank you Len!
- Plastic Silverware Proposal
 - Joy has agreed to try out using silverware as a pilot next year.
 - The district has also approved it, but the PTO would need to purchase the forks and spoons (knives will remain plastic).
 - Joan will take next steps to get prices.
- Picnic Tables Project
 - Minimum cost for the tables would be \$2279 + shipping and assembly
 - Excavation and concrete would be an additional \$5,000-8000
 - There is also a drainage problem with would need to be addressed adding additional cost (and currently there is no proposal for how it could even be fixed.)
 - Decision: Based on costs, hold off on project at this time.
- Reader Board
 - Application for project (FIP) was submitted 2/13/17

- Anticipated Cost: \$10,000 (PTO Funded)
- Project Description: Purchase and install a lighted (non-LED) reader board on the front brick wall of the building.
- No ETA for when it will be put in, but project managers will let us know when they can.
- Framed picture of Cheri Pun will be hung near her dedicated library corner.

Community Partnership Report (Tracy Bariao)

- JW will be recognized at next school board meeting for our Translator Tree pilot project.
- April 13th STEAM Night
 - Interested in getting Mad Science assemblies to be offered as a course that night. The assemblies could accommodate more than the other STEAM night events, so hopefully anyone interested would be able to attend.
 - They could do two 45 min assemblies costing \$339.95 each (and possibly additional travel charge). PTO confirmed that the funds in this year's budget for Science Expo and Celebrate the Arts Events would be used for STEAM Night as it replaced those events this year.

Fundraising Report (Amy Charon)

- Taekwondo Fundraiser Results - \$1179 received from Master George. Will work on getting him set up for next year.
- Bethany Pub Results - \$200 received for Restaurant Night March 1st.
- See's Candies Easter Candy Sale via Scrip is going on now, and will be last fundraiser of the year.
- 5th Grade Activities - Sent packets out to families - everything is underway. Baby and snow day pictures starting to trickle in.

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

- **Author Visits** - OBOB author Heidi Schulz to visit our school on March 24th. Book orders have been completed.
- **Bollywood Dance Recap** - Great turnout, food was delicious and all had a great time! Already heard that some people are interested in planning again next year.
- **Stoller 5k** - Will help spread the word about the run happening April 24th, and will solicit for volunteers in upcoming newsletters.
- **Beaverton Clothes Closet** -
 - Amy Kraft has requested volunteers for JW's staffing day on May 31st. Requesting 4 people for 2 hour shifts.
 - Lost and Found will be put out on tables next week and available until the Friday before spring break, at which time all items not claimed will be donated to the Clothes Closet.

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

- Amy Charon will co-chair Jogathon with Marlo McIlraith next year - Yay!

- Fall Dance chairperson will need to be filled next year
- Will have update on rest of the chairs status for next meeting.
- One School One Book (OSOB)
 - Jen Politsch is talking to another volunteer, Elizabeth Madigan about OSOB - It may still be possible to find a book and some activities to implement this school year. Hoping to have this underway by mid-April or May. Some ideas suggested:
 - If we do a book that has a movie we could have a movie night as a wrap up activity.
 - Dan Silver can offer tips and tricks for running OSOB for anyone leading the effort. For example, Ice Cream Social last year was a great way to wrap up, and wasn't terribly costly.
 - Perhaps ask another school what book/activities they've done that have worked well.
 - Jen will send a note out once she's consolidated the info from her contact.

Treasurer's Report (Angela Babst)

- We received the check (\$1,179) from Master George.
- New reimbursement forms were passed out to the classroom teachers, and let each one know how much they have left to spend before April 14th.
- We are set for the author visit this month, and collecting orders for books.
- Paid for the 2 assemblies scheduled in lieu of Artist in Residence. Rainbow Dance - \$1570 and Do Jump! - \$1250.
- We decided to pay for Outdoor School busses with the money we approved for BizTown busses. Lori projects this will cost ~\$650.
- Will talk about what to do with carryover during budget planning in April:
 - We had \$11K budgeted for Artist in Residence and \$5500 for OSOB. There is potential for a lot of "left over" money for these two items. Is there a way we want to reallocate and spend some of this money on the school before year end?
- Received the debit card in the mail yesterday, so we are set to order the materials for the eclipse.

Member At Large (Jyothi Vemuri)

Will go to next EcoSchools network meeting to see what's happening.

Miscellaneous Items/New Business:

- Bradi is working with WA County Sheriff outreach coordinator for possible presentation in next month's PTO meeting on community safety. Some potential topics are parking on Greenwood and Wendy Lane during drop-off/pick-up, and tips for preventing vandalism and littering which are both intermittent problems at the school.
- Amy Roskowski will chair April PTO meeting.
- Some parents had heard mention from their kids about problems with vandalism in bathrooms near cafeteria. Tracy Baraio confirmed that a specific problem in the

bathroom had been addressed and rectified, and that students are regularly reminded to clean up after themselves and practice good hygiene when using the restrooms.

Grade Level Updates

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Kindergarten:

Kindergarten is busy! We are working with 2D and 3D (flat and solid) shapes. We have been working with money. We are working on addition and subtraction. We are currently exploring force and motion. We have been integrating math and literacy with the science. The students are having a great time exploring force and motion with bouncy balls, cars, marbles, wind-up toys and other materials.

We are working on independence! Only 3 1/2 months until they become first graders. It is hard to believe!

1st Grade

First grade is busy with a new reading unit called Story Elements. The unit focuses on characters, setting, problem and solution.

For health we are doing nutrition and dental health.

The kids have been very excited about Box Top rewards.

The children are looking forward to sharing the Leprechaun traps they are designing for March 17th.

2nd Grade

The second grade is teaching about past and present, and charging ahead with Lucy Calkins and Jenny Serravallo in reading and writing. Stephanie Amato's room has had a future-ready makeover. We are also getting ready for Seesaw.

3rd Grade

Third Grade is in the middle of a fractions unit in Math.

We also had G. Bundy and Cat Nostrand visit all our classrooms in February. Students worked with circuitry using Little Bits.

Louise Wilmes, District Native American TOSA, visited all our classrooms to share some history of Native Americans in the Beaverton Area. Students engaged in theatrical storytelling.

Our Portland Historical Tours will take place in May.

Students will begin prepping for the upcoming SBAC tests in the next few weeks.

4th Grade

Mrs. Guevara's class really liked "Soft Rain: A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears." They were very interested throughout the whole read aloud and had so many questions and thoughts during the discussions. They just finished it.

In science, extensions of potential and kinetic energy lessons to Newton's Laws of Motion are being completed. Students were very engaged with the testing of which ball has the most force- a marble, a shooter, a wiffle ball or a golf ball (down a ramp into a cup and how far does the cup travel) The more mass an object has, the greater the force (2nd law of motion).

Writing- We are doing informational reports on a topic of choice as well as working on opinion writing.

We are going to release the trout this weekend, more details to follow.

Next Wednesday, March 15, we are all going to have an iMovie training from an Apple Certified Teacher, Nia Ujamaa. Her time with BSD is limited and we feel very lucky to get someone of her caliber to come to our school. Nia will teach students in the morning and then give an in-depth training to the 4th grade teachers in the afternoon. We will then use our new found knowledge to create movies of pioneer trail skits that we will write with a Young Audiences drama teacher provided by Arts4Learning.

5th Grade

We are gearing up for Outdoor School next month, and we are also excited about Stoller counselors coming over for presentations and to tell us all about Stoller. We are also stoked about going over to Stoller for the traditional "Fly Up" (which is when students get to tour the school with a student leader and get their burning questions answered).

Music:

4th/5th-trumpet cart arrived February 27th. (Every other year a trumpet cart or a clarinet cart comes to the school--because of the number of carts, JW only gets one clarinet cart which came last year, or one trumpet cart each year. With the violin carts, we get 2 carts--one per teacher). So, trumpets-learn embouchure, how to get a sound out of just the mouthpiece, then put mouthpiece and trumpet together and learn to control the sound that comes out! Also, we'll be working on learning numeric syllables for counting rhythms.

K-3-working on developing good technique on the xylophones. This will be a unit that stretches out over 3 weeks or so. We're also learning a few songs that will be used to play the ukuleles (3rd grade). For St. Patrick's day, a dance with Irish reels called "Irish Stew". A singing game called "Ida Red". So, some singing, dancing, instruments.

And, many thanks to the PTO for supporting my classroom with funds to purchase supplies, instruments, curriculum

PE:

Mr. Arnold is working on transferable skills involving racquets/paddles. Mr. VV is finishing up a unit on nutrition/food groups.