

PTO Meeting Minutes - June 6th 2017 - 6:00 pm

### **President's Report (Bradi Gates)**

#### **PTO Alumni Scholarship**

2 winners from Westview: Ryan Kister and Shalvi Patel, 1 from Sunset: Ashley Pun Thanks to Amy Roskowski for help reviewing.

#### **School Gift**

- New reader board sign for the school is still in process and will be installed next year.
- Lori Secker let us know that the school's folding machine has broken and it would be so helpful to have it replaced by the end of this year to help with large folding projects over the summer and into fall. PTO would like to fund the folding machine as there is money in the budget for this. Lori is picking out the new machine, hopefully from Amazon so they will get it quickly. In the meantime, if any big projects come up they should ask for any volunteers needed.

#### **2017-2018 PTO Board Elections**

We reviewed the list of nominees for the positions whose terms are ending June 30:

- President - Amy Roskowski
- VP Community Events - Lauren Mauery
- Co-Volunteer Coordinator - Mamta Sahita
- Secretary - Jyothy Vemuri
- Member At Large - Jasmine Kwatra

Motion was made by Amy Charon to approve the new Board Members, and seconded by Angela Babst - approved unanimously. Welcome new board members and thank you so much for time and support!

#### **Secretary Report (Merideth Manwiller)**

Question: Will Josh Gates still be managing the website hosting and registration tasks.

Answer: Yes he is able to do that for next two years. Thank you Josh!!

#### **Principal's Report (Joan McFadden)**

- School Dude updates for next year's events need to be input ASAP so that they can be approved. This will be helpful for the other organizations like Scouts and YMCA to see what is available. Bradi and Amy will work on the entries.

#### **Community Partnership Report (Tracy Bariao)**

- No updates

#### **Fundraising Report (Amy Roskowski for Amy Charon)**

5th Grade Activities:

- 5th grade gift did come in just after Field Day - customized "Jacob Wismer" pop-up shade/rain tent.
- Amy Charon will forward a picture of it to Tracy Bariao to add to end of year slide show.
- Everything else is moving along just fine, and all is in place for the celebration on June 20th.

### **Community Events Report (Sarah Sperbeck-Koenders)**

- Movie Night
  - School Dude entry needed - Bradi to take care of
  - Need help with volunteers for concessions - PTO Blast will go out
  - Will talk to Tracy about getting sound system set up in simplest way possible.
  - Request for setting up chairs - Tracy asked PE Teachers about the mats. Need to be cleaned afterwards. Ask for help putting away chairs at the end.
- Field day went well - had plenty of volunteers. Kids loved all events.
- Great participation in OSOB - Thanks Jen!

### **Volunteer Coordinator's Report (Jen Politsch and Amy Roskowski)**

- Thanks to Lori for beautiful volunteer breakfast. All attendees loved the choir and the thank you signs from classrooms and near the front office.
- Needed volunteers for:
  - Movie Night
  - Book Fair - Library volunteers could help for that.
- Lauren Mauery volunteered for Jr. Great Books chairperson next year - thanks Lauren!
- Variety Show does not have a chairperson - There seems to be some interest from parents, but no one who wants to chair the event yet.

### **Treasurer's Report (Angela Babst)**

2017 - 2018 Proposed Budget - There was only one change made to the budget after last month's discussion:

- Eliminate student supervisor money and reallocate that amount to ESL teachers. This was a budget neutral change that we had discussed at the May PTO meeting.

**Question:** Do we know the classroom numbers for next year.

**Answer:** Right now the district has Jacob Wismer budgeted 26 teachers:

- 4 - Kindy classrooms
- 4 - 1st Grade classrooms
- 5 - 2nd & 3rd Grade classrooms
- 4 - 4th & 5th grade classrooms

Joan has requested 2 more teachers, but that has not been confirmed yet. Not sure when we'll know. Teacher reimbursements in the budget will be adjusted when we receive the final staffing numbers from the district.

Megan Leahy (1st grade) Her position was a temporary position, so unfortunately it was not renewed for next year.

Gabe Martin - Will move to Eugene - got an IA from Cedar Park to replace him.

Wendy Bax - Moving to Nancy Ryles - getting ½ ESL in her place

Sandy Reimer - Experienced teacher from VOSE will be joining the staff

**Question:** How do class numbers for Jacob Wismer compare with other elementary schools in the district? **Answer/Discussion:** Classroom size information is posted in a Google doc for the district, and Joan is working to enlighten on how many of our classrooms are near or above 30 students.

Lots of changes happen over the summer (students in and out). The district holds some positions to see how classroom sizes look in September, and then those positions are opened up for schools with the biggest needs. In October, there are no more changes/additions to staff.

**Question:** Is there anything parents can do to advocate for more teachers? **Answer:** There really isn't much that can be done at the district level - the best thing to do would be to talk to state legislators and congress people in order to help get funding for education increased for all of Oregon.

**Question:** Is there an official upper limit for how many kids can be in class. **Answer:** No

**Question:** Is state considering how many are migrating to Oregon over the other states in the nation? **Answer/Discussion:** Not sure on this. Another consideration will be how measure 98 will be funded. It's unclear at this point whether it will come out of the existing 8.2 billion allocated, or funded from somewhere else in the state budget.

**Question:** Balance at the end of 2018 is lower than our ending balance this year. Is that because we are we expecting more funds to be spent next year, or less income or both?

**Answer:** The main difference is for the reader board that PTO is giving to the school this year, but could not be installed next year so that money is still in the budget. Also, estimates for Jogathon are forecasted as less that we made this year just to be conservative.

Motion to approve budget was made by Jen Politsch, seconded by Amy Charon. Approved unanimously by all. Thank you Angela for your work on this!

### **Member At Large (Jyothy Vemuri)**

No Updates.

### **Miscellaneous Items/New Business:**

**Question:** Can we allocate funds for allowing innovative projects at the classroom or grade level? **Answer:** We encourage teachers to let the PTO know when they have ideas for things like this (i.e. Patty Blechman's eclipse project). If we have the funds we are happy to hear the

requests and look for opportunities to help teachers with this so they are not required to prepare grant proposals to the BEF in order to fund their project ideas. Typically these projects would benefit the whole school. Maybe next year we need to add line item per class for an “innovative” project? We could create a template for this to make it easier for teachers to request for these kinds of projects. We can revisit these ideas and adding this as a line item to the budget after next year’s Jogathon.

## **Grade Level Updates**

### **June 6, 2017**

#### ***Kindergarten***

We have had an amazing time teaching your kids! These Kindergarteners are amazing! We are so excited for our Spring Program next week. We hope you can join us!

#### ***First Grade***

First grade is gearing up to go to the zoo on June 15th. We are studying animal groups at this time. Next week, each child will pick one animal to research and study and we will create dioramas of the habitats.

#### ***Second Grade***

Again, thanks for a terrific Teacher Appreciation week!

Second grade has wrapped up Walk to Math (we are now calling it Stay Here for Math). We're learning about plants, and learning how to build and program Lego Wedo robots.

#### ***Third Grade***

Our Wax Museum is on Friday, June 9th (9:00-9:45am and 1:15-2:00pm). The students have been working hard on getting speeches ready for our big museum unveiling. For math, we are wrapping up our Geometry Unit.

#### ***Fourth Grade***

We are excited for our Pioneer Informances that will occur next week. The students have been working on creating skits that will illustrate life on the Oregon Trail. We have also been readying ourselves for our field trip to the End of the Oregon Trail Museum during the last week of school.

In a study of ecosystems and food webs, several classes have completed owl pellet dissections. Also, Mrs. Guevara’s class has been going all out with the gardening! They have planted, weeded, and cared for our plot with great care. They have enjoyed harvesting snap peas and are looking forward to carrots and celery coming up soon. Later, there will be tomatoes available.

## ***Fifth Grade***

Can you believe it's the end of the school year? We are so proud our student's and the amazing growth they have exhibited. We can't wait for our Fifth Grade Send Off party – thank you so much parents for organizing this! The kids are very excited.

### ***Yvette Wallace, Intervention Specialist***

#### **Summer Reading Program prep is in full swing:**

- **Backpack tags** have been ordered, and raffle prizes/books will be purchased from the Book Fair
  - All students who complete the challenge (10 chapter books or 20 picture books) will receive:
    - JW Reader backpack tag
    - Raffle ticket for books and other prizes (including 3 froyo cakes donated by Menchie's)
    - Coupon for a Chipotle kid's meal for the first 250 forms returned
- **Student folders** for Summer Reading have been completed thanks to our volunteers and IAs
- **Menchie's Meet-Up** is in the planning stages:
  - Scheduled for August 23rd 11:00-2:00
  - So far 17 staff members confirmed or likely to attend
  - Menchie's will be blocking off parking in front of the store for our Jacob Wismer tent and table, where we can accept completed summer reading forms
  - Menchie's is also donating 3 froyo cakes to our cause to be used in the raffle in September, and will decorate the pillars outside the store with helium balloons to celebrate our event
  - 20% of profits from any sales where the customer mentions Jacob Wismer will go to the Jacob Wismer Library (This deal runs all day on August 23rd.)
- An article will be published in our last **Jacob Wismer Journal** outlining the program
- Students are learning about our Summer Reading Challenge in their **library classes** beginning this week
- Each day, another **flyer** will be posted on one of the purple poles in the halls that reveals a staff member who plans to, or might, attend our Menchie's event
- We hope to advertise the program and our Menchie's fundraiser using
  - JW calendar
  - JW Website
  - School Messenger
  - JW Journal
  - PTO Blast

Thank you, PTO, for your sponsorship of this program!

## ***Music***

**5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd:** This is the time of year we do a little work on composing with guidelines. Students form small groups (up to 4 people, or may work by themselves). Groups select a picture and then instruments. Your goal is to create a soundscape that matches your picture. We post all of the selected pictures (and add a couple to throw people off) then each group takes a turn to performs their 'soundscape', and afterward the rest of the class tries to guess which picture was being represented. It's a popular lesson.

**K/1st:** We're doing one last new singing game, kids love "Doggie Doggie, Where's Your Bone?" It's an easy way to get students to sing by themselves. We also bring back any of the favorite games from the year.

**All grades:** practicing songs for our sing along