

# General Membership Meeting

Thurston Elementary PTA

October 13, 2009

The General Membership meeting of the Thurston Elementary PTA was called to order in the TES library at 6:35 pm by President April Uffens.

## Approval of the Minutes

- September Minutes were read by Sherry.

**Action Item:** Brandy Selby motioned to approve the minutes as read. Shannon Caldwell seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

## Treasurers Report

- Jade suggested the following amendments to the 2009-'10 Budget:
  - Removing the "cash on hand" line item that was added in order to balance the budget so that Net Income would not be negative. After researching the matter Jade prepared a cash flow statement to show PTA's cash on hand and that the projected short fall could in fact be covered by cash reserves.
  - Needing to add line items for Ink Cartridge Income, and Other Fundraising Income to accommodate unforeseen funds that are coming in.
  - Needing to increase the dollar amount allotted for Classroom Allowances. The number of students used to make the initial calculation is higher than anticipated making the figure larger.

**Action Item:** Mindy Underwood motioned to approve the amendments. Brandy seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

## Teachers Report

- Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Essman spoke about the challenges of having 34 students in each of their classrooms. All available Educational Assistants have been redirected to help in these classrooms. Both teachers were hopeful that they would have some parent volunteers after curriculum night.
- Mrs. Dewey provided the dates that each grade will be performing their music program: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-December 17<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade-April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-May 27<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-"We The People" in March. There will not be a program for Kindergarten as she only see's them once per week. They are currently working on having the sound system installed.

### **Fundraising Report**

- April asked if Jobina was still interested in doing Scrip on a monthly mail order basis. Brandy and Carol Strong noted that it was a very time consuming project and profits could be hard to track.
- April gave an Entertainment Book Update stating that the fundraiser made about \$5800. Mr. Bonar's class won a pizza party for being the classroom with the highest average participation per student. Tyler Lane won a Build-a-Bear Gift Card for selling the most. Prizes for all students should be going home next week.
- Toni stated that Sally Foster starts Friday and runs through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. She was asking for volunteers to help with various tasks. 10% of the profit from the fundraiser will be going back to the classrooms. The room with the highest sales per student will win an ice cream party and the top 50 kids will win a stuffed zoo animal.
- April announced Splash night was Friday night at 5:30.

### **Principal's Report**

- Shari asked for at least one parent volunteer for Site Council meetings that are held once per month at 3 pm in the conference room. Shannon Caldwell volunteered.
- No Excuses University will have a kick-off sometime in November. She stated she will need a few more T-shirts.
- She noted that the college flags are up in the school and that the local Fire Marshall personally donated a flag.
- There was an error when calculating the cost of books for grades K-2. All of the books were able to be purchased for under the \$500 originally budgeted by PTA.
- A very large Kermit the Frog that belongs to Shari will be given away as a reading award.
- April inquired about the Coke Points Program and Shari said she would pass on the information.
- April inquired about the reader board and how to get messages posted. It is currently being handled through someone out of the building. If you need something posted e-mail Shari and she will forward to appropriate person.
- We were not selected as a "Nike Back Your Block" grant recipient although Shari and Mr. Bray are still working on it. Staff will put together a make shift track so that students can begin counting their miles and laps as they did last year.

### **Library Report**

- Teena Seckler announced that Pre-school story time would probably be the first Wednesday of each month, beginning November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30-8:50 am.
- She asked for desperately needed volunteers.
- She gave an update on all grades and the library skills that they are currently learning.

## **New Business**

- Toni found an ink cartridge recycling program that seems like an easy fundraiser. There is currently a drop box in the community room for students, teachers and parents. She is hoping to raise \$500 this year.
- Jennifer Rogers asked about two ballot measures that will be voted on in January. She wanted to know the PTA's position and would there be any information given to parents or members.
  - Sherry stated that the Oregon PTA was pushing for the measures to pass and expected them to be involved state wide.
- April wanted to know how members felt about offering classes to parents of TES. Current possibilities are CPR classes, Will Planning, Real Estate and You, and a Love and Logic parenting class. There is a poll on the website where people can vote for what they would like.
- A clothing drive for Bratten House will be happening during the last week in October. Large barrels will be placed around the school to collect donations of gently worn, clean clothing for all ages.
- Toni stated that she would like everyone to begin thinking about Family Fun Night. Early planning should begin next month.
- The next meeting will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> in the TES Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm by April Uffens.