

Oregon PTO Meeting

February 1, 2005

6:30 P.M.

Minutes

Attendance: Kris Pearson, Donna Prew, Peggy Bakken, Teri Mills, Cathy Kooistra, Kristi Heming, Nicolette Timberlake, Katie Lindell, Mary Gooze, Courtney Odorico, Katie Grady, Sue Greene, and Mary Jo Romero.

Secretary Report

Correction to the Treasurer's Report: money from the school penny drives was donated to NINA not Families First. Teri Mills made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report; Katie Grady seconded the motion. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

CDs: Donna Prew announced plans to move funds into a third CD. Every 4-6 months, as CDs come due, she roll over funds. This way, PTO funds will earn 2.2-2.3% versus .8-1.0% in the money market account.

Geckler: We received a \$527 refund from Geckler for returned items.

School Pictures: The PTO received one check for school pictures, earning \$1/package/student. Donna asked if we were interested in offering school pictures this spring. They would generate a profit of \$3/package/student. The PTO turned down this opportunity last year and decided to pass again this year.

Cathy Kooistra made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Mary Gooze seconded the motion. Approved.

Attorney Fees: Donna Prew received a \$332.50 bill for attorney's fees. Kristy Heming made a motion to pay the bill from the Administrative budget. Nicolette seconded. Approved.

Art Fair

Registration forms were sent home with students the first week of February. This year, the theme will be "Color." Courtney Odorico reported that the planning committee had met and made several changes. This year, there will not be demonstrations from outside groups such as Karate America and the Irish dancers. The focus will be on the kids as artists. Courtney is inviting local artists to teach students about different mediums. There will also be more emphasis on performance art. This year, food will not be served, but bottled water will be available for purchase. Courtney said they need a lot of volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. She is also planning to talk to the OHS Art Club to do a display about color and art. The event is scheduled for Saturday April 23 from 3-6 p.m. in the NKE big gym.

Fun Run

Amy Miller sent word that Doug DeBroux is willing to help organize a fun run in the spring. The event will likely be held during a school day. Teri Mills mentioned that the gym teachers were discussing holding a fourth grade track meet with all schools in the district. Kristy Heming said Amy does not need help from fund raising to run the event.

Fund Raising

Kristy Heming requested September 2nd as the 2005-06 fall fundraiser kick-off date. She asked about holding a kick-off assembly again. Cathy Kooistra said she received negative feedback from teachers about the assembly. Kristy said they wouldn't plan on the assembly this year and would compare results with the 2004-05 fund raiser. Teri Mills encouraged her to promote the Fall Fund Raiser during the District Registration days, August 11 & 16. Kristy will ask Geckler about having items on hand to sell (cash & carry) and will get permission from the District.

Social

Katie Lindell reported the NKE Teacher Potluck is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22 in the teacher's lounge. A PVE Teacher Potluck will be held in March. Social will provide cookies and punch at the Science Fair on March 12.

Publicity

Katie Grady is helping the Science Fair and Art Fair committees with publicity. If anyone has articles for the school newsletters, she needs them by February 11.

Artist in Residence

Teri Mills submitted a request for an additional \$3,000 to have Marilea Groves create a sculpture with NKE students in grades 1-4. Teri has also submitted a request for funds to the Oregon Area Education Foundation, but hasn't yet heard back from the group. This group may cover part of the additional funds needed. The project will be a metal sculpture with moving parts and will be placed in the Arboretum. Donna Prew made a motion to allocate up to \$3,000 from the Staff Requests budget for the NKE Artist in Residence. Kris Pearson seconded. Approved. If grant money is approved, the amount will be deducted from the \$3,000 PTO contribution.

Science Fair

Saturday, March 12 from 3-5 p.m. (not 3-6 as originally planned). Nicolette said they've only received 20 applications, so they extended the deadline to February 11. In addition to student work, there will be demonstrations by UW Space Place, Alliant Energy, the UW-Madison Geology Museum, the UW-Madison Chemistry department, plus exhibits on DNA extraction and bats.

Assemblies

Mad Hatters performed in January and sold CDs. Channel 4 taped the show and will play it on Wednesday, February 2. On March 10, singer David HB Drake will perform "Kid Stuff" to grades K-2 and "WisconSING" to grades 3-4. Performances by the Yo-Yo guy and Novel Ideas are in the works.

New Business

Puzzle Die Cuts: Geckler had the puzzle-shaped die cuts Deb Fischer requested in January. Therefore, the \$560 plus shipping expenses allocated to purchase these items will not be taken from Staff Requests.

Climbing walls: Teri Mills discussed a possible, future request. The gym teachers at the three elementary schools are considering purchasing a 48-foot-long horizontal climbing wall. She will present pictures and cost information at the next meeting.

Linda Barrows presentation: Oregon School Superintendent Linda Barrows will discuss the federal “No Child Left Behind” legislation at the March meeting. She will address why it’s important for parents to know about the legislation and what impact it will have on kids. Kris Pearson asked if we should move the meeting location to accommodate a large turn-out. Teri said she would arrange to have a rack of folding chairs at the library. The meeting will be Tuesday March 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the NKE Library. An abbreviated PTO meeting will follow Dr. Barrow’s talk.

PTO Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation

The PTO will make the following changes to the organization bylaws:

- rollover changes made to the Articles to the Bylaws
- Article 6, Section 2: strike all
- Article 6, Section 3: strike all
- Article 8: conflict between the Article and the Bylaws; will change to match the Articles
- Replace “chairman” with “chair” throughout
- Replace “Association” with “Organization” throughout

The group discussed Article IV, Section C, which prohibits lobbying activities. According to Donna Prew, the attorney says we would have to spend a significant amount of money (greater than \$5,000) on lobbyists or a political candidate to be in violation of this section. It does not prevent the PTO from taking a position on an issue that affects education. For this reason, we will leave the wording as it stands.

A voice vote was held to approve the changes: Aye (8) Nay (0)
Changes approved.

Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 1, 2005