

PTO General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2013 6:30-8 PM

1. Welcome and introductions - Angie Davis and Melissa Gomsrud
2. Tutoring program with SEHS – Larisa Lilles and Susan Alger
 - Susan spoke about her daughter’s positive experience being tutored by an SEHS student
 - Susan and Larisa are working with SEHS students on a tutoring program to possibly begin in Winter Term
 - Susan and Larisa were interested in hearing what kinds of questions should be on the application for the program and also what would parents’ expectations be from the program. Feedback should be emailed to Susan at slalger@comcast.net or to Larisa at larisahatten@gmail.com
3. Principal’s Report – Morley Hegstrom
 - We are off to a great start with the school year
 - Lots of new staff
 - The staff has been sharing their best practices
 - School report card – check it out on the district website
 - New principal candidate being interviewed on the 24th of this month
 - Doing Math in English and the Cerf Voulant French curriculum in grades K-2 are helping us to align our curriculum with Roosevelt and South
 - The staff voted to fold several components of the Community Living curriculum into the buddy program
4. Site Council update – Shannon Tom
 - A few teachers are working on EEF grant applications, specifically one for 5th grade iPads
 - At the site council meeting, teachers discussed their needs for technology trainings and help with the new Synergy system
 - At that meeting, the teachers also discussed a plan to help bring new teachers up to speed on the workings of the school
 - Morley mentioned that she has ordered radios for the recess supervisors so that they can communicate with the office
5. Volunteer update
 - a. Volunteer positions still needed:
 - Secretary
 - Escrip coordinator
 - Esprit de Corp co-chair
 - Yearbook
 - OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books)
 - b. Volunteer sign-up list – Becca Sanghvi

- We still need parents to go on the website and fill out the parent volunteer preference forms
- We also need 5 more parents to help with health screenings this Friday at 8 am

6. Committee Reports

a. Fundraising

1. Gift wrap – Cindy Gupta

This is done. So far it has grossed \$17,000 and netted between \$7,000-\$8,000. Last year it made \$10,000.

2. Book Fair – JoAnn Hoffman

Set up will be Oct. 30, the classes will preview it on the 31st and the bookfair runs Nov 1-8. We will need volunteers on the 31st to help with the kinders and 70 spots for volunteers throughout.

3. Occasional Restaurant Fundraiser – Cindy Matherly

Discussed setting up Mazzis for November, either the 4th or the 18th

4. Poinsettia & Wreaths – Alice Webb, Janine Bryant

Pickups will possibly be on Thursday Dec. 5

5. Holiday Trees – Larisa Lilles

Spring Creek Holly Farm

6. Box Tops – Merideth wants to pick something as a goal for the money

b. Treasurer – Sabrina Parsons

Last year we raised \$180,000 and spent approx \$140,000. There was a brief discussion about how much to keep in reserve

c. Green Schools/Garden Club – Tabatha Andrews

There is a garden clean up planned. Also, we received a \$500 Green Schools Award- thanks to Tab Andrews and Erika McFarlane for all their efforts

d. Esprit de Corp – Gina Thompson

The Halloween parade will happen at the school and then after school families can choose to go to the nearby retirement home to sing and give them small pumpkins

e. Parent French night – Amy Chinitz

This event went well, considering maybe doing it 2x a year?

f. Canoe Island and Stand for Children were tabled for next meeting due to time

Next PTO meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2013