

FALL CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTSA 2.18.15
Board Meeting Minutes
October 1st, 2013

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 9:05am by Kirsten Patterson, PTSA President

Approval of Minutes from August 27th, 2013 Board Meeting

No corrections, minutes approved as written

Guest Speaker: Sheriff

County resources are slim due to budget cuts. There is one car that patrols the Fall City area which includes Preston and Carnation. The Sheriff recommends that citizens report what they see as soon as possible. The Sheriff's department relies heavily on citizens to be good witnesses and to provide as many details as possible, photos are very helpful.

What can parents do to help keep children safe? Educate our children about safety and what to look out for and stay away from, especially middle school children but the education should start in elementary school. Children need to know what to tell their parents and teachers. Build confidence in our kids versus fear.

PTSA's focus should be to 1) educate our kids and parents about safety 2) inform the Fall City community to be good witnesses and report any suspicious activity. 3) Ensure all children walking have a parent escort, safety is in groups. 4) Drug education: PTSA Council is having a speaker on "Just say No" on Tuesday, October 8th from 6-7:30pm at the MSHS Freshman Campus Library. Mr. S will also speak to Counselor Kelly about investigating ways to educate our young children on drugs.

Highway 202 is managed by state police since it is a state highway. If there are issues with speeding, the school should contact the King County roads department to ask for a sign that monitors the speed of cars in the school zone. If there are issues with people speeding on highway 202 by the school, the best way to manage this is to issue a traffic complaint and then the State Patrol will have to respond to it. There is a reporting system available on the internet that is available to the public.

Presidents' Report: Kirsten Patterson

- Nominating Committee: In the process of recruiting for the members and alternates.
- Financial Review Report –The report was completed on September 25th, 2013 by Kelly Faccone, CPA. Karen Nieman is picking up the books from Kelly today. Kelly stated that the books looked good and there were no recommendations.
- Parent Education plans and dates:
 - ✓ October 2nd: 6:30-7:30pm Bucket Filler Parent Meeting
 - ✓ January 14th: Dan Popp 6-7pm
 - ✓ February 6th 7-8:30pm Safe Kids Savvy Parents
 - ✓ April 22nd Birds and Bees 7-8:30pm

Board of Director and Committee Reports:

Safety Committee Plan: Susan Walker

There is not a police presence in Fall City due to all the tax cuts. The objective of this committee is to keep kids safe. Susan recommends that volunteers be recruited to help students with patrol after school and assist kids walking home and patrol around the Fall City Library as well. Susan has a list of people in the Fall City community that would be interested in helping. Susan needs parent volunteers to help with the committee. PTSA will advertise the volunteer positions needed on the website and the Friday Folder. Susan will talk to Mr. Miller about asking some parents to assist with before school and after school patrol to partner with the students.

VP Events: Joanne Haberman

- Book Fair: An announcement will go out via email and in the Friday Folder after Walk-A-Thon is over. This year the theme is Egyptian; "A cool place for hot reads". Everything is on schedule.
- Kid's Corner: Holiday bazaar will need volunteers and a location.
- Food Drive: No date has been communicated by Mount Si Football team as of yet. This year we need to make sure that the Fall City food bank gets the food.

Family Reading Night: no new changes.

VP Fundraising/Procurement: Julie Luttinen

- WAT: 1000 otter pops have been donated by Albertson's. Julie will go back to Albertson's to see if they can donate 200 more.
- Sponsors vs. Business partners: Sponsors are people who give you money. Business partners are people who give you items. A sponsor does not have to be a PTSA member. Sponsorships can be defined by the PTSA at the local level.
- International dinner: The third grade teachers like the idea of coupling the dinner with the student culture project. Julie will follow up with the teachers to coordinate a date.
- Family dinner: Need to figure out food needed and cost. Julie will check out cash and carry to price out items for a baked potato bar.

Walk-A-Thon: Michelle Ingalls/Sophie Harris

Mrs. Jones will use chalk to outline the fields. Erika Wutherick is her point of contact. PTSA executive team will be rovers. There will be one more call for volunteers sent via email. An email will also go out on Monday to remind parents on items needed for each student (water bottle, etc.). Laps goals per classroom went out today. Goals by class will be emailed to teachers with a reminder on-goal setting, integrity, team work, honesty. Extra envelopes are available if needed by Angie Jones. PA system needed for day of Walk-A-Thon, Sophie will coordinate with Mr. S. Valley record has an article on WAT. Four additional WAT t-shirts were ordered for teaching assistants. Email Erika Wutherick if you have a cooler or tent you can bring for the day of WAT.

Volunteer Support: Kim Kelly

No update

Curriculum Enhancement: Neelam Khaki

- After school programs: transition occurred from Sophie Harris to Neelam Khaki. Small Hands on Art begins this Friday. Nineteen students are registered for Lego Robotics. Karate class: Sophie will handle initial paperwork.
- Reading Buddy : 25 volunteers so far. Neelam and Susan Harris are going to call volunteers who were reading buddies from last year. Volunteers are down from last year. There are twenty intensive kids that need a lot more reading support (mostly first graders).
- Literacy for Life: First year for LAP(learning assistance program) , one IA is doing this and is being funded by LAP. Diane Tatum is going to focus more on LAP and the kids who are in need of more intensive support vs. focusing on reading buddies. More ELL students and 3-4% increase in free/reduced lunch. If students get additional help early in Kindergarten then when these same students get to third grade, they do much better. This is harder to accomplish with increased class sizes.
- Reading Hall of Fame: kicks off today. Manual forms and online reading log are complete and available on the PTSA website. If students log their reading minutes with their reading buddy, then they get a bracelet.
- Assemblies: Bucket filler assembly and parent seminar tomorrow night. TV monitor will have the assembly running during the day in the classrooms.
- Lego Robotics: purchased more kits this year, Mrs. Bodwell will transition into this program to help Mr. Potter. Taking the next step to try and integrate this after school program into the 5th grade schedule. If it is project based learning then how do we meet the national standards? Robots are being done to complete tasks.

Legislative: Dana Packard

No report

Art- Reflections and Art Curriculum: Karen Nieman

Bulletin board is up with the forms and guidelines. Reflections will be announced on PTSA website and in Friday Folder on 10/4. Karen and Jillian Postforoosh will visit the classrooms to talk to kids about Reflections and get them excited. A parent letter will go home with the students on 10/9. Entries will be due back to school on November 12th.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Williams

PTSA purchased 3 CDs with the remaining Net Income from last school year and \$6000 from savings: Two(2) cd's were purchased for \$6k each for eleven months and the third for \$6k for three months. This will earn PTSA the best rate of return. Key Bank gives points and \$25 in gift cards for each cd owned. Gambling license for \$10k is in the works. Need to fill out some forms.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am

Important Upcoming Dates

- Bucket Fillers Assembly: October 2nd, afternoon
- Bucket Fillers Parent Seminar: October 2nd, 6:30pm
- Sahara Pizza Night: October 9th
- Walk-A-Thon: October 10th: BBQ 11:30am, WAT 1-3pm
- SVSD Board Meeting: October 10th, 6:30pm
- Legislative Assembly: October 18th and 19th
- Parent Play Day: October 18th, 11:30am
- SVSD Board Meeting: October 24th, 6:30pm
- WAT Assembly: October 25th, 9:15am
- Membership Payment Due: October 25th
- Vision and Hearing Screening: October 29th and 30th
- Book Fair: November 4th-8th
- Family Dinner/Open House: November 5th, 5:30pm
- SVSD Board Meeting: November 7th, 6:30pm
- Veteran's Day Assembly: November 8th
- Veteran's Day: November 11th-No School
- PTSA General Membership Meeting: November 12th, 2:00pm
- Sahara Pizza Night: November 13th
- 4th Grade Music Concert: November 14th, 6:30pm
- Turkey Trot: November 16th
- SVSD Board Meeting: November 19th, 6:30pm
- Conferences: November 22nd-27th
- Thanksgiving Holiday: November 28th and 29th-No School
- Holiday Gift Fair: December 2nd-6th
- PTSA Board Meeting: December 3rd, 9am