

FALL CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTSA 2.18.15

General Meeting Minutes

May 20th, 2013

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 2:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from March 13th, 2013 General PTSA Meeting
Fran Ellul moved to approved. Julie Luttinen seconded. Minutes approved.

President's Report: Kirsten Patterson

Raffle/Family BBQ Highlights:

The PTSA sold 8,000 tickets. 3,000 of the 8,000 tickets were sold on the last day and evening of Raffle Night. 2,248 raffle tickets were sold online thru the PTSA website. Many FCES families gave positive feedback on not having to write their name on back of the raffle ticket. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make Raffle Night a fun event for all. Sophie Harris stated that she thought it was a requirement for the date and time to be advertised on the raffle ticket. According to Julie Luttinen, this is not a requirement of the gambling license. The Executive Team will investigate further to ensure this is not an issue for future raffle events.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation: Thank you to all the volunteers for making all the wonderful FCES teachers and staff feel special and valued!

Accomplishments this school year and plans for next school year:

- Fundraising was very successful this year. Matching donations were double from prior years.
- Miscellaneous donations: FCES is a great place to donate if anyone is looking for a new charity.
- Membership: The PTSA ended the school year with 476 memberships. This is approximately 83% of the total student enrollment which is great. 26 members were added in March and April due to the launch of the new website and the January to April membership campaign.
- No Effort Fundraising: This year there was a big up swing with the launch of the new FCES Amazon direct link. Box tops also did very well this school year. It is amazing how much money the school can earn from those small box tops. The addition of the Turkey Trot also brought in approximately \$900 this school year and very little effort was put towards this. Next school year there is the potential to increase this amount with more marketing around the event.
- WSPTA awards: The PTSA received a 100% teacher/staff appreciation award and a Silver level award for Standards of Excellence. Additionally, 15 students from FCES received WSPTA participation awards and 1 student received an award of merit for his photography entry.
- New PTSA website: launched the beginning of March with the onset of yearbook sales. As of May 19th, there are 443 users, 327 yearbook orders, and 138 raffle orders. It was a long process to get it going, thanks to those of you who helped with the testing.

Board and Committee Chair positions for 2013-14:

Reviewed the open positions for next school year and explained the board position roles and responsibilities.

Vote on 2013-2014 FCES PTSA Standing Rules:

Reviewed the changes to the Standing Rules from the prior school year. Sophie Harris moved to approve the Standing Rules for the 2013-14 school year. Nina Ramsey seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A vote took place and the ayes had it. The motion to approve the 2013-14 Standing Rules for 2013-14 was adopted.

Principal's Report: Dan Schlotfeldt

MSP testing: FCES improved in every category. 1st graders are all on common core. The level of rigor has really stepped up with the new common core standard. Students have to be able to read well to answer questions in Math. The third and fifth graders will be tested on common core in middle school. A lot of work to do to integrate all the lessons with the common core.

Over the past 5 years, FCES has had a budget of \$37k. The budget has gone down from \$75k and the standards keep going up. Class size has also increased, with 3rd grade being a good example. The school has to be creative with the resources that are available with the current funding and utilize our staff more efficiently. More focused learning in small groups is necessary to becoming experts in a particular field; reading, science.

FCES relies heavily on PTSA funds for academic enhancement programs and grants. An example of this is with the Literacy for Life program which is very costly to maintain year after year. The PTSA helps to keep this program going and huge progress has been made with improved student readers with the availability of this program at FCES.

FCES would like to provide students with additional learning opportunities such as offering a foreign language program but it is also a big expense.

Treasurer's report: Chris Williams

Bank Balances

Checking \$51,215.42

Savings \$10,000.47

Vote on Proposed Budget 2013-2014

Reviewed proposed income and expenses for 2013-14. Kim Kelly moved to approve the proposed budget for the 2013-14 school year. Stephanie Potter seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A vote took place and the ayes had it. The motion to approve the 2013-14 proposed budget for 2013-14 was adopted.

Cash carry over to 2013-14

Explained that the PTSA would like to carry over cash reserves in the amount of \$35k to cover the academic enhancement programs for next school year in the event the PTSA is not successful at fundraising the total amount planned. Julie Luttinen moved to approve the cash carry over in the amount of \$35k to the 2013/14 school year. Sophie Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A vote took place and the ayes had it. The motion to approve the cash carry over for 2013-14 was adopted.

CD purchase

The PTSA announced that a short term cd will be purchased in the amount of the net income remaining at the end of the June 2013 fiscal year. These funds will be used in case

there is a short fall for the Literacy for Life program and any additional funds needed for curriculum enhancement programs.

Bank account signers and bank statement reviewer for 2013-14

Effective July 1st, 2013.

Bank signers: Julie Luttinen, Kirsten Patterson, Karen Nieman, and Chris Williams.

Bank statement reviewer: Lori Kissick

Golden Acorn Awards: Kimi Winter

Kimi Winter presented the Golden Acorn Awards for 2012-13. The PTSA had two winners this school year. The first winner is Mike Hedrick. Mike volunteers so much that Kirsten Patterson thought he was a teacher. The second winner is Fran Ellul. Fran is very involved at every level in the Snoqualmie Valley School District (elementary, middle school and high school). Congratulations to you both!

Volunteer Appreciation: Kirsten Patterson

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with PTSA events and activities this school year. We couldn't have done it without you and we appreciate all your support!

Volunteers are still needed for the Duck Derby and Fall City Days. Both bring in funds for FCES.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

May 23rd:

SVSD Board Meeting, 6:30pm

May 27th:

Memorial Day, No school

May 28th:

Kindergarten Music Concert, 6:30pm

June 3rd:

4th and 5th grade chorus concert, 5th grade band concert

June 4th:

PTSA Board Meeting, 10am MPR –last one of school year

June 6th:

All school BBQ 11:30am, Field Day 1pm

June 10th:

Last day of Kindergarten

June 11th:

Last day of school (1-5th)

June 12th:

Sahara Pizza Night

June 13th:

SVSD Board Meeting, 6:30pm

June 15th:

Fall City Days Fun Run, 7:00am

June 27th:

SVSD Board Meeting, 6:30pm