

# FALL CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTSA 2.18.15

## General Meeting Minutes

January 7th, 2015

**Call to Order:** Michelle Ingalls, Co-President

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm in the FCES Library

Michelle thanked everyone for a successful food drive and a recognized and thanked Laurie Wesorick and Joanne Haberman for their great coordination efforts Michelle also mentioned the upcoming Spelling Bee and permission slips due Monday

**Approval of Minutes:** November 13th, 2014 PTSA General Membership Meeting: Krista Jordan  
Approved with no changes.

**Principal's Report:** Monica Phillips

Welcome from Monica Phillips who introduced the Guest Speaker, Snoqualmie Valley School District Superintendent, Joel Aune.

**Guest Speaker(s):** Joel Aune, Snoqualmie Valley School District Superintendent and Kirk Harris, Chair, Snoqualmie Valley Citizens for Schools

**Joel Aune:**

SVSD school bond - February 10 ballot item

Joel provided some background on the bond. The bond has been 21/2 years in the making and a detailed process was involved to analyze the district needs. Snoqualmie Valley schools are running out of space to serve the growing student population.

- All elementary schools are nearly full this year and more space is needed by 2016 for state mandated full-day kindergarten, efforts to lower class sizes, and growing enrollment at grades K-5.
- Both middle schools are nearing capacity with growing enrollment in grade 6-8.
- Modernizing Mount Si High School benefits ALL students in the community — and expanding the facility to serve freshman on the main campus will allow the District to reinstate a third middle school and alleviate crowding among grades 6-8.
- Mechanical systems that have exceeded their functional lifespan need to be upgraded, to maintain the integrity and safety of our school infrastructure across the district.  
The bond will addresses district-wide facility needs and provides more space at all grade levels to serve the District's growing student population.

The comprehensive, long-term bond proposal to build and make critical repairs and upgrades to schools across the district will:

- Rebuild and expand Mount Si High School (to include a Freshman Campus concept on the main campus), then reinstate a third middle school
- Construct a new elementary school. This school will be located in Snoqualmie Ridge and will use the Cascade View prototype. This will be phase 1 of the bond with the estimate to have the new elementary school up and running by September 2016.
- Make district-wide improvements to existing schools and systems

The 20-year bond would raise \$244.4 million for capital improvements including school construction and repairs. (The estimated additional cost for per home owners is \$1.29 per \$1,000 of 2015 property valuation.) The District has a history of completing bond projects on time and within budget as promised.

The ballots will be mailed the week of January 25th and are due February 10th and require 60% voter approval to pass.

More on the bond facts can be found at:

<http://www.svsd410.org/cms/lib05/WA01919490/Centricity/Domain/1093/BOND%20MAILER%20%204.Pdf>

#### **Some questions from the attendees**

##### **-What if the bond doesn't pass? What is plan B?**

School districts can run a bond twice in a calendar year so the school board can choose to run the same bond or a version of it again in April, August, or November.

##### **When would we need elementary school #7?**

That depends on enrollment, state money, class size mandates, and full day Kindergarten mandate.

##### **What was the preschool center on the bond?**

Current preschool is tight on space too so the bond allows for construction of a Preschool Center at the new school to free up classrooms at OES/SES.

#### **The other guest speaker was Kirk Harris, Chair of Snoqualmie Valley Citizens for Schools**

##### **[www.yesforsvsdschool.com](http://www.yesforsvsdschool.com)**

His group is the advocate for the schools and not part of the SVSD, The Snoqualmie Valley Citizens for Schools work to educate the population and advocating for bond approval and are a 501c4 non-profit. Kirk pointed out the last big bond was 12 years ago and we are overdue for school funding and improvements. We want to make sure people are aware of the organization and can volunteer for the phone bank to help make calls to voters. For details on the senior exemption call 206-296-3920.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Kimberley Lobet**

Current financial report

Kimberley gave the overall bank balances:

Checking: 94,220.43

Savings: 33,000.82

CD 1 6,023.25

CD 2 6,023.25

Total: 139,267.75

**President's Report:** Michelle Ingalls, Co-President

Budget Vote

PTSA funds are available to fund items needed for students. After meeting with Principal Monica Philips, the need of a Technology Initiative was determined. The PTSA is looking to fund \$5500 for mobile devices in order to support curriculum programs and making technology equitable across classrooms. Michelle asked for all those in favor to say Aye and all those opposed No,

**The vote was approved and passed.**

**Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm**

**Next General Membership meeting is Thursday, ~~March 12<sup>th</sup>~~ *This date was updated to March 26<sup>th</sup> as the Science Fair was moved to March 12<sup>th</sup> after the adjournment of this General Membership Meeting***

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

- FCES 3rd Grade Concert, January 13th, 6:30pm
- Sahara Pizza night, January 14th
- FCES Parent Play Day, January 16th
- Martin Luther King Day (no school), January 19th
- FCES Spelling Bee, January 29th, 6:00pm-8:00pm in the gym – Grade level Bees portion
- FCES 5th Grade Concert, 6:30pm
- PTSA Board Meeting: February 9th, 9:15am
- FCES Spelling Bee-Grade winners round, February 12th, 6:00pm
- FCES Parent Play Day, February 13th
- Mid-Winter Break, February 16-20
- FCES Science Fair, ~~March 5th~~, 6:00pm *Science Fair was moved to March 12<sup>th</sup> after the adjournment of this General Membership Meeting*
- FCES 2nd Grade Concert, March 17th, 6:30pm
- FCES Parent Play Day, March 20th