

## Orchard Elementary PTO

### Meeting Minutes

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- I. CJ Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm
- II. Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. Shelly Owens moved to accept them as written. Cora Shellito seconded.
- III. Jon Hall presented the treasurer's report. He pointed out that the Jog-a-Thon deposit was the checks and cash that were donated. A check from The Get Movin' Crew is expected next week to complete the Jog-a-Thon deposits. Kathy Prezler has reviewed the bank statements this month, as a non-signer on the account.
- IV. Alysia Arsanto gave the Principal's Report. She reported that October was an incredibly busy month. Like, REALLY busy. The staff is currently prepping for conferences to be held next week. The Leadership Food Drive that is happening this week will be used to supplement the Starbucks frozen sandwiches that have been going home with students in need. The next CLT/ILT meeting will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. A Giving Tree will be in the lobby in December.
- V. Kathy Prezler and Tammy Morrow gave the Teacher Representative Report. They dittoed what was in the Principal's Report and stated that they are in recovery mode from all of the activities. Conversation was had around the scheduling of so many activities concurrently. The teachers haven't had an opportunity for classroom consistency with so many interruptions.
- VI. Committee Reports**
  - a. Box Tops brought in \$484.90, with Mrs. Fraga's class winning the competition. Another collection will be held in the spring.
  - b. Hospitality is hosting a taco bar for the Monday evening conferences.
  - c. CLT/ILT have not had the opportunity to meet this month.
  - d. Spirit Wear – The pink glitter tee is still on backorder. There will be another ordering opportunity in the springtime.
  - e. Yearbook – CJ is trying to move the deadline back in order to include photos of the Glow Social and the Silent Auction. 5<sup>th</sup> grade baby pictures will be included in the book this year, and presales will be held in February. This will be the only time to use a credit/debit card to purchase a book.
  - f. Chess Club – No representative was present
- VII. Old Business**
  - a. Jog-a-Thon debrief – The Jog-a-Thon raised \$40,800. A check for \$23,400 will be coming from The Get Movin' Crew. A contract has already been signed with this same company for next year. The Jog-a-Thon cost \$9000 to put on, which would not be sustainable in a regular year, but many items were donated by businesses. A second order of prizes was required, because so many students collected enough money to earn more prizes than were predicted. As this is the largest event of the entire year, it was mentioned that it would be desirable to divide the responsibilities among people and times of the year. An unexpected expense was the popsicles, as we had no place to keep the Otter Pops cold.

This won't be an issue next year because of the deep freezer that was donated. Ideas were presented for lap counting, with the top idea being a type of race bib that can be worn and written on. Surplus prizes and Otter Pops are being donated to Jefferson Elementary.

- b. Science on Wheels debrief – Experiences varied based on grade level and workshop/presenter. The planetariums were the most popular feature. The lead presenter sent a thank you email to Joni to be passed on to the staff. It was decided that Science on Wheels will be brought to Orchard every other year, instead of investing the \$7000 each year. The idea was given for step stools to be used in the gym for younger students to access the exhibits on the tables.
- c. Baking Club – no updates
- d. Pokemon Club – CJ reported that there are 25 students in the second session.
- e. Lego Club – A third session has been added from April 16-May 21<sup>st</sup>. Parents have offered to donate legos, but storage is an issue.
- f. Parking Lot/Traffic/Crosswalks – Alysia will be asking for volunteers to form a committee after the holidays to work on this issue.
- g. Take Home Books Grant – No paperwork has been submitted

#### **VIII. New Business**

- a. Silent Auction – The Silent Auction will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> along with the Leadership Club's Glow Social. A meeting was held today to discuss securing donations that have a longer lead time. Kathy may have a lead for a DJ.
- b. Holiday Happenings – A Giving Tree will be set up in the lobby
- c. Skate Party Leads – Justen Merkt and Tara Symons are the new Skate Party leads. A party will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Dates/Times for the PTO meetings – Several people in attendance do use the child care option. Tasha Bunnage had an idea for the Libby Buddy Club to donate time and service hours to perform child care. Tasha and Karen Lipp have offered to help supervise, and CJ offered to come up with some ideas for activities. The meetings can be moved to Wednesdays to keep consistency and to avoid conflicts with club meetings.
- e. Surplus funds from Jog-a-Thon/Facilities Improvements/Playgrounds – The treasurer pointed out that we actually don't have as much surplus as we are thinking, due to needing to keep funds available to roll over for next year's expenses. Playground improvements were discussed. The kinder staff has submitted a request for new equipment, and a 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade playground is still being discussed. Tasha bought up the idea of a 'sensory playground', which may open the doors for grants. Jon proposed a STEM/Science focused playground, which may open the door for donations from the science community in Richland, PNNL, etc. Angelina proposed the idea of a 1/5/10 year plan for the PTO, which would keep continuity for the group no matter who is on the board. Alysia is going to talk to the district facilities department to see what they can do for us in terms of the playgrounds.

#### **IX. Questions or Comments**

- a. Talent Show – Tasha would like the Talent Show to be on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be Arabian Nights. The staff will be performing a number.

- b. Read to Ride – Tara Symons is heading up this Silverwood reading program for us. She will coordinate with Mrs. Falls.
- X. CJ adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm

## **Attendance**

Cj Rodriguez	Jon Hall
Kriste Colley-Kummer	Shelly Owens
Cora Shellito	Kathy Preszler
Tammy Morrow	Marta Jisa
Sarah Hall	Cat Roberts
Jenna Bensussen	Susan Duncan
Kylee McCann	Karen Lipp
Aga Tashea	Tasha Bunnage
Joni Kranz	Angelina Shaber
Alysia Arsanto	Jillian Robillard