

**Fall City Elementary School PTSA 2.18.15
General Membership Meeting
May 20, 2008
Minutes**

Call to Order: Betsy Evensen, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Proper notice of the meeting was given, a quorum was present and the Treasurer's Books were on hand and available for review.

Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2008 General Membership Meeting: Betsy Evensen made a motion that the minutes from the March 25, 2008 be approved. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

President's Report: Betsy Evensen and Lori Hollasch

-**Principal Appreciation Week:** Betsy Evensen, Co-President, announced that it was National Education Bosses' Week and she presented Principal Dan Schlotfeldt a gift from the PTSA.

-**Thank You's:** The Co-Presidents thanked the officers for their service and presented them with Thank You gifts.

-**Volunteer and Committee Chair Appreciation Lunch:** Betsy announced that an appreciation lunch for the PTSA chairs will be held on June 5, 2008. The PTSA will team up with the teachers for this event.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Fischer, Treasurer, announced that the April financial statements are available for review. She also requested that all chairs get their expense receipts in before the end of June when Gloria must close the books for the fiscal year.

Vice-President's Report:

-**Learning Garden:** Tracy Egan thanked all of those who have helped in the Learning Garden this year. Tracy also announced that native plants and gardening tools are being collected for the Learning Garden.

Principal's Report: Dan Schlotfeldt, Principal, reported on the following topics:

-**Hiring:** Mr. S. said that FCE is hiring for a few open positions for next year.

-**Literacy for Life Grant:** Dan announced that FCE has received funding for next year from the Discurin Foundation for the Literacy for Life Program. He also announced that he and the principal from SES have applied to the Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation for a grant to provide additional funds for the Literacy for Life program.

Literacy for Life Update: Katie Morris, teacher lead for the Literacy for Life Program, presented an overview of the program. Mrs. Morris explained that the Literacy for Life program encompasses the reading support aides, reading buddies and homework club. The DIEBLS test is used throughout the school year to evaluate students' reading fluency. The DIEBLS test is administered in the fall, winter and spring. The spring tests have not been administered yet. Mrs. Morris presented the following results from the fall and winter testing:

Fall: 68% of students were reading at grade level
16% were strategic (almost reading at grade level)
16% were intensive

Winter: 80% of students were reading at grade level
11% were strategic
9% were intensive

These numbers demonstrate incredible strides in students' reading fluency.

Mrs. Morris announced that a Family Reading Night at the Fall City Library will be held on May 29, 2008 for the Reading Buddies and their families.

-Nominating Committee: Tracy Egan, chair, announced that the Nominating Committee has named Karen Hunt as the new candidate for next year's empty Vice-President position. Karen Hunt accepted the nomination and no further nominations were received from the floor. Tracy closed the nominations. Cammie Jackson made a motion that Karen Hunt be voted in as a Vice President for next year and the motion was seconded. The motion was passed by the general membership.

-Junior Achievement: Michelle Choat Sellars, chair, announced that Junior Achievement training will take place in the classrooms in June and that 25 volunteers have signed up thus far. This covers almost all classrooms, but a few volunteers are still needed.

-School Supplies: Theresa Duchene is this year's chairperson for the school supply program. The teachers' supply lists have been set and information will come home soon for ordering purposes.

-Golden Acorn Awards and Shining Stars: Chris Guyer and Debbie Luchtel, co-chairs, announced the following winners of this year's awards:

Shining Stars: Tall Bill Blakely, Chris Butler, Sandy Chapman, Cheryl Duncan, Renee Gieseke, and Steve Hollasch.

Golden Acorns: Betsy Evensen and Lori Hollasch.

New Business-Planning for 2008-2009

-Standing Rules and New Committees: Cheryl Duncan, secretary, presented the revised Standing Rules for 2008-2009 and reviewed the changes to the rules. A new committee has been added (Math Support), while several other committees have been combined and/or renamed. Cathy Renner made a motion that the revised standing rules be adopted and Cammie Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was passed and the standing rules were adopted by the general membership.

- 2008-2009 Budget Plan: Gloria Fischer, Treasurer, presented the proposed budget for 2008-2009. After Gloria reviewed the highlights of the budget, Susan Hedrick made a motion that the proposed budget be adopted. Cammie Jackson seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

-Sneak Peek at 2008-2009 Calendar: Betsy Evensen and Lori Hollasch presented a look at next year's PTSA calendar. Some highlights include: October- Ice Cream Social with Teacher Open House; November-Book Fair and Family Night; February-Science Fair.

Snoqualmie Valley Youth Orchestra: Miranda Thorpe and Stacey Eliason announced that they are looking into forming a string program for the Snoqualmie Valley's 2nd through 5th graders. The program would begin next school year and would meet after school one day per week at FCES. Darlene Rose would be the instructor and the program would cost \$3,000.00, which funds would come from parents, a grant, or some combination thereof. A survey will come home soon to gauge interest in the program.

Friends of Fall City Parks: Perry Wilkins of the Friends of Fall City Parks explained the group's goals to the membership. The group meets monthly and is trying to get a Parks District approved for Fall City. The issue will be on the November ballot. The Park District will have from 3 to 5 commissioners and will allow for local control of the parks and additions thereto. Currently there is no structure in place to act as a financial conduit for monies to improve or add to Fall City's four parks. The group's website is found at www.fallcityparks.org. The group is non-profit and will have a float and tent at Fall City Days. Everyone is invited to the monthly meetings.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.