

FALL CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTSA 2.18.15
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2008

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Amy Click, Co-President. 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 May 20, 2008 General Membership Meeting: Sarah Barnes made a motion that the minutes from the May 20, 2008 be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Danberg and the minutes were approved as written.

Officer Introductions: Each of the 2008-2009 PTSA officers introduced themselves to the membership.

What Does PTSA at FCES Do?: Amy Click explained that the PTSA's main contribution financially is to support the teachers and principal by providing grants. Mrs. Rosendale shared some examples of what teachers have spent their grant money on in the past. Some of those examples are creating memory CDs containing video clips and pictures, purchasing of digital printers and laptops which teachers share, blank CDs, and classroom supplies. The PTSA also pays for assemblies, a portion of the SciArt program, the Student Directories, 5th grade Seabeck, Science Fair, Ice Cream Social, the Book Fair, Emergency Preparedness, and Teacher Appreciation week among other things. New this year will be an Art Walk and Raffle/Auction of some sort. The PTSA helps coordinate before-and-after school enrichment classes. Lori Hollasch spoke on the advantages of becoming a PTSA member, how the student directories encourage communication between community members, and that the Headline News and PTSA web site are great resources to get more information about the PTSA and how you can volunteer.

Fundraising: Miranda Thorpe, VP, gave overview of the PTSA's fundraising strategy for 2008-2009. No Effort Fundraising (box tops, Albertson's, Safeway, and Sahara Pizza), school spirit sales (t-shirts, etc.), and the Art Walk/Raffle, all raise monies for the PTSA. The most funding comes from the Walk-A-Thon, whose goal is \$60,000. If the \$60,000 Walk-A-Thon goal is not met, a spring fundraiser will be kept open as a possibility.

Walk-A-Thon: Michelle Sellers opened by saying the Walk-A-Thon emphasizes 3 of our school's values, which are fitness, setting goals, and school pride. It has proven to be an effective way of raising the funds needed to support all the programs that the PTSA funds, with 95% going directly back to the kids. Marsheila Kenow announced the new prize structure. It will be focused on "teams" and teamwork. All participants will receive a foot charm necklace. Students earn one foot charm for every five laps walked and for every \$20 collected. A boy and girl from each grade that walks the most laps will join Mr. S in a limousine, go bowling, and have pizza. (Tie breaker is most money collected.) A classroom from each grade that walks the most laps will be honored on a special Walk-A-Thon plaque that will permanently hang near the office. These classes will also receive an extra recess. (Tie breaker is most money collected.) One student from each classroom will receive a Spirit Award. Each teacher will chose a student that demonstrates team spirit, leadership and encouragement with their classmates during the Walk-A-Thon. The one classroom with most money collected will get to spend time with a special, inspirational guest and have a classroom party. (Tie breaker is most money collected.)

How does PTSA Spend the Budget? Gloria Fischer, Treasurer, gave an overview of the budget. 54% goes to teacher/principal grants, 31% spent on education enrichment (assemblies, Literacy for Life, Sci-Art, etc.) 8% on services (Learning Garden, Playground Support, Emergency Preparation, etc.), and 7% on operations (Insurance, administration, etc.). Please refer to the 2008-09 budget for specific amounts.

Enrichment Classes: Stacey Gardner, VP, talked about before and after-school enrichment classes. They are self-paid programs, not funded through the PTSA. Signup sheets to gage interest for a before-school Spanish and before-school French class has been started this evening. Science Adventures will be held after-school on Tuesday's beginning on Oct. 14th. Chess Club will be held on Wednesdays after school and Trese Rand's art class will begin in October.

Literacy for Life: Katie Morris, the Literacy Coordinator, is overseeing the Literacy for Life Program in its second year. Katie will be in the building on Thursdays this year. A video was played showing reading buddies at work with the students. All it takes to be a Reading Buddy and make a huge difference in a child's life is 30 minutes per week. Katie announced that the Reading Buddy training class will be held on Oct. 1st, 2008 at 9:15 a.m. in Room 7.

Principal's Report: Dan Schlotfeldt, FCES Principal, highlighted our teacher's commitment to the school by making it known that the teachers themselves contribute part of their salary to the school's Sci-Art program.

Craig Brietbach, a parent here at FCES, commissioned and help install a beautiful new rock sculpture out by the flag pole. It was last year's 5th grade class legacy project. Thank you Mr. Brietbach!

New Teachers were recognized: Cammie Jackson – Compute Lab, Kelli Marek – 1st Grade, Heath Anyan – 3rd Grade, Hailey Meyer – 4th Grade, Marie Wayne – Special Education, and Laurie Hancock – Music.

Mr. Schlotfeldt announced that the Snoqualmie School District as a whole ranked #7 in the state for WASL scores. Last year's 5th grade class did especially well. He cited SchoolDigger.Com as a valuable reference tool for parents to use to view WASL rankings. He thanked teachers and support staff for all their hard work.

Teacher's Report: Barb Van Oeveren is the teacher representative to the PTSA this year. Mrs. Vanoveren will update us throughout the year on what's happening on the teacher front.

Volunteer Opportunities: Amy Click asked that tonight's attendants please stop by the Volunteer Fair tables and explore the many ways they can volunteer on a PTSA committee this year.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next General Membership Meeting and WASL Information Night to be held November 18, 2008.