

FALL CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTSA 2.18.15

General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2009

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:40pm by Amy Click, Co-President. Proper notice of the meeting was given and the Treasurer's Books were on hand and available for review.

Approval of Minutes from the March 24, 2009 General Membership Meeting: Dan Cathy Renner made a motion that the minutes from the March 24, 2009 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Michelle Sellars and the minutes were approved as written.

President's Report: Amy Click –

Amy recognized Mr. Schlotfeldt for principal's week and thanked him for all his support this school year.

The following PTSA Executive officers will not be returning this coming fall: Miranda Thorpe, Gloria Fischer, Stacey Gardner, and Karen Hunt. Amy thanked them for their contributions and hard work.

Amy also thanked all the committee chairs who volunteered their time this past year.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Fischer emphasized the importance of getting receipts turned in for reimbursement.

Principal's Report: Dan Schlotfeldt –

Dan reviewed and explained the 2009-10 expenditure reduction plan that was posted on the district's website. The bottom line dollar amount reduction of 3.5 million is a done deal, the programs and how they are affected are still in the works. Board will vote on a final plan on May 28th. Cuts were made at the central services area which include the following areas: district wide, superintendent and board, business and personnel, maintenance and custodial, transportation, instructional technology, utilities, curriculum, and special education. Cuts were also made at the school level, including the elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as the extra curricular services. Nine teachers received no job notices in the district.

At FCES, 25% of our budget was cut, we lost school improvement money, 1 teacher was let go, and 4 staff members will not be returning as a result of not renewing contracts or leaving voluntarily. For the 2009-10 school year coming up, the kindergarten class will most likely be around 80 kids, 1st grade 80 kids, 2nd grade 80 kids, and 3rd grade 118 kids. Enrollment is beginning to level off. There will be 3 kindergartner classes total, 2 full day and 1 ½ day.

Stimulus monies expected to be known in August. The district has several plans in place, a worst and best scenario plan.

Fran Ellul asked about what will be replacing the WASL and Mr. S. wasn't sure, although they may choose to use an already existing test from another state. The major cost is the scoring of the test.

Teacher's Report: Meg Handy filling in for Barb VanOveren –

The teachers would like to thank everyone for teacher's appreciation week. There are always withdrawals the week after!

Meg has the left over green reusable bags on sale for \$1 in the office.

The annual duck derby race for Fall City Days is coming up on June 20th. Buy a duck for \$5.00 each. All proceeds go back to the schools.

Turtles in library laid 8 eggs.

FCES won 1st place for the second year in a row at the Battle of the Books competition. Children can join battle of the books in 3rd grade.

Committee Updates:

Raffle: Cheryl Duncan – There were 6,761 tickets sold! Cheryl thanked the classroom basket helpers and everyone else who made it a huge success this year despite the economy.

Junior Achievement: Fran Ellul – 21 out of 25 classes will participate in Junior Achievement this year in June.

School Supplies: Amy Click filled in for Theresa Duchene – school supplies can be ordered online at epipacks.com or ordered via mail.

Legislative: Cathy Renner – Governor Gregoire signed the Education Bill. It will be fully implemented by 2018 if funding permits.

Golden Acorn and Shining Star Awards: Betsy Evensen and Lori Hollasch

The previous year's Golden Acorn winners, Betsy and Lori, awarded the annual PTSA Awards to the following individuals:

Shining Star Winner: Tracy Egan, Cathy Renner, Marsheila Kenow, and Michelle Sellars

Golden Acorn Winners: Miranda Thorpe and Cheryl Duncan

This year's Golden Acorn recipients will collect nominations for and decide winners for next year.

New Business:

The Standing Rules - Connie Rosenberger reviewed changes made to the '08-'09 standing rules. They are as follows: Year changes from 2008-2009 to 2009-2010, Membership fees change to the following: Individual Membership \$11.00 and Family Membership \$16.00. Faculty memberships stay at \$8.00, the Nominating Committee due dates changed to reflect the 2009-2011 calendar, the following committees were deleted: Safety, the following committees were broken up into separate committees: Membership and Directory, Public Relations and Newsletter, under the Committees section: Added the stipulation that "No one individual may chair or co-chair more than two committees during any given school year".

Betsy Evensen motioned the '09/'10 standing rules be approved, Liz Piekarczyk.

New Budget Announcements: Gloria Fischer stated the Walk A Thon goal for 2009 will remain at \$60,000 and the Raffle goal will be \$5,000. No Effort Fund Raising Goal will be \$6,000. A spring fundraiser will be optional if needed. SciArt renamed to Student Enrichment in order to better describe the program and leave it open for additional curriculums.

PTSA will spend the budget accordingly: %5 operations, 55% student enrichment, 34% staff and student grants, and 7% services. Total projected income will be \$101,000, expenses to make income is \$31,000, income remaining is \$70,000, program expenses is \$89,000 with the shortfall to be covered by remaining cash on hand from 08/09.

Seabeck Funding will become less stealth in that its funding will be more forthcoming on exactly how it is funded and who is paying for it. \$50.00 for each 5th grade student will come from the PTSA, via the 5th grade contributions to the Walk A Thon, as well as scholarship funds. The remaining amount will be paid by the families.

Sophia Harris motioned to approve the new budget and Cheryl Duncan seconded.

Sneak Peek: There will be 4 family nights next school year – Book Fair/Spaghetti Feed in November, Ice Cream Social/Open House in February, Science Fair in March, and Raffle in April.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 2009.