

Pleasant Ridge PTA Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2016

In attendance: Jennifer Steben, Megan Brown, Melissa Wild, Amy Spooner, Meg Phillips, Lindsay Winkler, Amy Good, Kevin Musson, Peter Campbell, Janet Dillon, Daisie Scharmen, Jackie Sweet, Aramide Pinheiro

- Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am
- Welcome and updates (Jennifer Steben, President)
  - District meeting – probable young 5's program for those that are not quite ready for kindergarten.
    - Free, all day program
    - Testing would be moved up from August to decide placement
    - ECSC and Pooh Corner are moving to Liberty
    - Anti-bullying campaigns – issues in every school since election
    - Empathy will be the focus for our grade levels
    - Animal program?
    - Incorporate parents as well?
    - Mental/social wellness at high school (more parent involvement)
    - Funded by district or PTA funding? TBD – maybe half and half
  - Seatbelts on buses
    - very expensive to install
    - 2 kids per seat
    - Nominal safety factor with seatbelts
    - Concerning for how to get kids out in emergency
    - Kids are safer in buses than in cars?
    - Data was 14 years old
  - Bond
    - PR got major stuff last year
    - This year focus will be on other schools
    - For PR: heating cooling, video surveillance + exterior speakers for communication with playground
  - Foundation
    - Snowblast tickets on sale – \$75 pp (tax deductible)
    - Cut off is 500 at Travis Point
    - Probably will be the last year at Travis Point due to space
    - Support FSAS .com for tickets
  - Nomination committee for positions next year should be assembled sooner rather than later
    - Big transition year
    - Amy S, Meg, and Melissa are leaving; Jennifer is leaving her role as President
    - Need 3-5 people (couple of board members – Melissa, Janet, Meg, Jennifer?)
    - Delay Kindergarten rep until first PTA meeting of the year and vote on at the meeting
- Principal's update (Kevin Musson)
  - Playground
    - Excavating locations for tri-totter, merry-go-round & pouring footing
    - Structures arriving next week
  - Young 5's
    - Coming back to saline – all K-3 buildings for start of school year next year
    - Funding from State
    - 15-18 students per classroom (one class per school)
    - Assessments for appropriate placement – still working on screening process
    - August –December birthday range
    - School of choice after enrollment is complete for Saline
    - Free
    - Placement is ultimately a parent decision – they can sign a waiver
    - Early 5s would be subject to specials schedule
    - Essentially old kindergarten curriculum

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- May need an additional staff member depending on numbers
- 4 classrooms available -2 ECSC, OTST, play group
- Spanish was displaced with extra Kindergarten this year
- Next year, Kevin would like the former Spanish room to be a maker's space
  - Makers carts: heavy duty wheeled carts with shelving came from Heritage (have 3, will use 2)
  - K has meeting with Steven and Scott saw this at another school in Farmington with Project Lead the Way – they have a staff member dedicated to this to develop curriculums/co-teach lessons
  - Goal is to have carts up and running when teachers come back in January
  - Ready-made lesson plans in bins, laminated etc.
- Mama Jay box tops?
  - Box Tops collected are being given to PTA
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade project
  - Color and fill in sheets with box tops – get a football when turned in to the main office
  - Holiday tree with box top ornaments in cafeteria
  - Bottom of tree = can drive for social services
  - Goal is to purchase school supplies for kids who need them
  - Have 50 backpacks, coats, boots, headphones, school supplies already
  - This was introduced on Friday to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and many were turned in on Monday morning
  - Started with group of 7 third graders (Mama Jay Club)
  - Now may not be the right time to implement this for Kindergarten with everything they have going on (perhaps for the May deadline)
  - One idea for box tops money from 3<sup>rd</sup> graders collection is funding snacks for kids who can't afford them
  - Include 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in PTA process
  - Student rep to attend PTA meeting to discussed their initiative for 2/9
  - "Grant request"
  - Seasonal box top sheets distributed in cafeteria
- Valentine-o-gram w/student council in the works
  - Goes along with DPC meeting anti-bullying theme– complements and encouragement only
  - Student-led initiative
  - Student Council do hearts during February – pre-made complements
  - Pick them up at lunch and give them to classmates to foster positive messages
- Staff update (Pete Campbell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)
  - 3 cards for PTA (thank you from the staff)
  - Also received an e-mail from Mrs. Batterson as thank you for mini grants for kindergarten
- Secretary update- pass minutes and membership update (Megan Brown)
  - Motion to approve: Meg Phillips
  - Second: Melissa Wild
  - Megan will contact two unpaid members again
  - Will do another membership push in January
    - Flyer in take-home folders (Megan and Amy Good) & add include in Kevin's weekly e-mail
    - Reuse same flyer
    - Should flyer include discounts for PTA members
- Calendar review with Fundraising and Enrichment (Amy Spooner and Meg Phillips)
  - Push to January
- Treasurer Update- look at where we are halfway and what we need to do (Melissa Speicher)
  - Need about 2K to cover budget
  - Kevin paid for lost and found area

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- Makers carts were donated
- Spring fundraiser not counted in totals
- Not counting any more revenue for the year
- Forecasted budget for spring fundraiser was 5K
- Take scholastic bucks rather than cash for all book fairs?
  - Need ~500 in scholastic bucks for staff for pancake supper
  - Gave out 1000 scholastic bucks for fall fundraiser
  - Options are 25% of sales in cash or 50% of sales in scholastic bucks for book fairs +150 scholastic bucks bonus
  - Daisie to find out what else we can buy with scholastic bucks – there is a huge catalog
  - Should we take cash for next two book fairs to fill budget hole?
  - Or are there other things we need that we could buy with scholastic bucks?
    - Science fair/enrichment night rewards
    - Supplies for workroom?
    - STEM cart, maker carts
    - More diverse book selection for media center
- Busch's card reregistration must be done periodically (Amy Spooner and Amy Good will get together on communication to PTA members and Bench list)
- Meg will bring computer to help people sign up at movie night for Busch's Rewards
- Candle fundraiser is at \$2400
  - Online sales still open
  - Push online to ship to homes next year?
- Pizza – Amy Spooner has someone willing to take it on (Amy Hammons)
  - What are we doing now that we just have one pizza place
  - Amy will talk to Michelle from Domino's and ask her if they want to do 20% donation nights and how frequently
  - Figure out what we are doing with fundraising cards – pancake night?
- We need Domino's for movie night 6-8 pm
- Meg has a chair for movie night
- Kalahari in March 16<sup>th</sup> (no school March 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Discounted rate – we get \$10 per family (discounted rate is \$150)
- Fun event as opposed to fundraiser
- Scrip
- T-shirts to sell at book fair/pancake supper
  - Keep it separate from book fair money
  - \$5-8
  - M and L left
  - As of now we broke even on shirts
- Only a few teachers have used their teacher/grade money
- Room parents have not been using their money – some were told to hold off until end of the year parties
- Grade reps to send email to room parents to let them know who has what as FYI through Amy Good
- Teacher is in charge of room parent money
- Field trips are fine so far – Karen has some invoices for Melissa for buses
- 2 sponsors unpaid - Melissa and Jen to follow up
- VP Enrichment update (Meg Phillips)
  - Budget request for dome theater approved
    - Digital dome theater was done in 2009 and 2011
    - Educational
    - Handicap accessible
    - \$1175
    - School-wide assembly budget

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- 500 discount
  - Date = March 15th
- Basketball Jones
  - Kevin will coordinate the date
  - PTA to pay?
  - \$500-600
  - School-wide assembly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade science alive ~\$500
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade assemblies – not sure what they want to do yet
- Lego education sets for strategic grants
- Movie night 1/20 (Amy to send out communication)
- Science Fair January 25th
  - Meg is working with Dean Garbarz
  - Will need some support – communication coming out next week
- VP Communications update (Amy Good)
  - 276 for pancake supper last year, but ~500 in past years
  - Amy estimated food orders at 350
  - 12/14 from 5:30-7:30 pm
  - Communicate via Kevin's email to say that teachers are serving + book fair
  - Cindy to put on school calendar
- VP Volunteers update (Lindsay Winkler)
  - In need of volunteers for book fair – set up and cleanup
- Grade Rep updates (Amy Wallen, Cris Supina, Jill Stacy, Jackie Sweet)
- Open/other team business & close (Jennifer Steben)
- Meeting adjourned at 10:42 pm
- Next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 12th, 9 am in the Teacher's Lounge