

PTA Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2011

Minutes taken by PTA Secretary Holly Boime

Members present: Amy Liber, Jennifer Povich, Lydia M. Poole, Amy Thompson, Laura O'Hearn, Anne Myrthue, Constance San Juan, Holly Boime, Karla Zirbes, Dana Dickman, Molly Haynes, Traci Fajardo, Sergei Schmidt, Denise Dekker, David Rees

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by PTA President Karla Zirbes.

Financial Update: Treasurer Constance San Juan

OLG has new account because they're a large committee. Pastini fundraiser earned \$440. PTA Executive board approved two line items \$200 or under, 1) running club \$200/year, 2) asset purchases: commercial urn and multi-language posters for school hallways.

Funding proposal for play structure drainage: Parent Laura O'Hearn

The bark chips under the play structure have decompressed. A second grade girl fell at the play structure and broke her leg. Half the water from the playground goes in the bark chips under the play structure. So there is a need to have more cushion under the play structure. Portland Public Schools (PPS) will pay \$15,000 to have new bark chips put in for a temporary repair. However, drainage pipes could be installed to provide a more permanent fix to the problem. It would cost \$3,000 at most to get drainage pipes installed. Special bark chips with out splinters would be used. Recycled rubber surfaces are not used with PPS. Treasurer Constance states that we have the money to do this.

Vote for \$3000 funding for drainage

Moved by Traci Fajardo
Seconded by David Rees
Received majority vote

Thank you to Laura for her efforts and called "Official grounds keeper."

Nominating Committee: PTA President Karla Zirbes

A nominating committee will be forming to nominate people to be on next year's board. You need to be a PTA member to be on the nominating committee.

Contingent on them becoming PTA members:

Amy Liber

Moved by Constance San Juan
Seconded by Holly Boime
Received majority vote

Kirsten Croak

Moved by David Rees
Seconded by Traci Fajardo
Received majority vote

Ingrid McTaggart

Moved by Jennifer Povich

Seconded by Molly Haynes
Received majority vote

Volunteer opportunities: Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Povich

- Auction: ticket sales, decorating,
- Run for the Arts: March 16th, day of and tallying sheets
- Talent show: separate K-2 (April 21 and 22 @ 1:30 p.m.) .and 3-5 shows: one “audition” and two rehearsals
- Vision and hearing testing: February 23rd
- Homework club
- 5th grade end of year activities: organize plant sale, inputting sale orders into a spreadsheet.

Announcements

Traci Fajardo: Mrs. Dulcich won an on-point prize last year. She encourages people to go to the On-point website to vote for teachers.

Oregon PTA conference is coming up if you want to participate.

Stand for Children Rally: East Multnomah County Organizer, Stand for Children Colleen McCann

There will be a Rally for education Monday February 21st at the Oregon State Capital in Salem. There will be a bus leaving from Mt. Tabor Middle School and Franklin High School. You can sign up to take the bus online.

Stand for Children has some goals for the rally: lobby for more funding for schools, stabilize funding through a rainy day fund and change the position of superintendant from elected to an appointed position by the Governor and approved by Congress.

Karl Zirbes encourages people to use their energy and go to the rally. Anne Myrthue has been to the rally for several years and has gone on the bus. The bus is lively. You bring your kids. It's lively at the Capital with speakers, music, fantastic banners where most people stand on the Capital steps. Maybe you'll see yourself in the newspaper the next day. It's a good feeling being together. It's support for educators. Representative Ben Cannon said last year that the rally made a difference. Governor Kitzhaber will probably be there. There will be a very full program of activities.

Title I at Atkinson: Principal Debbie Armendariz

At Atkinson 50% of the students are on free or reduced lunch. The cut-off is 35%.
Title I funding at Atkinson goes towards:

- 1) half salary for each kindergarten teachers so students have free full day kindergarten
- 2) 1 FTE classified librarian
- 3) 1.058 reading intervention
- 4) \$40,000 professional development and materials, Reading Street, homework club, phonetic instruction and after-school reading program
- 5) \$2,031 for Lillian and Sally for Lunar New Year activities
- 6) Family/parent connection pieces \$1,353

Are there questions about Title I/funding?

Title I funds given to the states based on Census demographic information. Then the funding is given to the school district which then gives it to the school.

A lot of things can't be used with Title I funding such as reducing class size. Research has shown that a decrease in class size doesn't increase academic achievement except by having sixteen or fewer students in 3rd grade.

“Refresh“ funds are for technology and not related to Title I funds.

PPS has a list of ways that Title I funds can be used.

How does the Principal decide how to use Title I funds?

- 1) She looks at student achievement benchmarks and assessments. Interventions can then be implemented such a phonetic awareness which is not about writing/pencil work. There are two assessments; 1) end of Kindergarten, ready to read and then 2) end of 3rd grade, ready to learn.
- 2) She looks at teacher input.

Title I zone schools are schools where 100% of the students have free or reduced lunch.

DIBL are assessments.

RTI is a system of matching struggling learned to intervention tools. Atkinson will start with literacy and then will add math and behavior to RTI.

Thank you Debbie for the information.

Additional Announcements

Anna Myrthue:

- * postpone fundraising talk,
- * encourages everyone to buy tamales,
- * Moreland Movie Theater fundraiser, eight movies for a total of \$6.00. Please see flyers.
- * Auction tickets, being sold Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before and after school.

Karla Marten:

- requests donations for auction: baked goods and food

Karla postpones past meeting minutes approval. She thanks everyone for coming and meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.