

PTA Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2011

Minutes taken by PTA Secretary Holly Boime.

Members present: Karla Zirbes, Amra Biberic, Wendy Lukens, Paige Battle, Sandra Ganey, Becca Davisson, Terrie Hendrickson, Jennifer Povich, Holly Boime, Constance San Juan, Debra Armendariz, Amy Liber, Anne Myrthue, Lydia M. Poole, Denise Dekker, Scott Essand (sp?), Shari Eleslanel (sp?), and Lisa Gregory.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by PTA President Karla Zirbes

President Karla Zirbes

- Nominating committee: if there's no president then we can't have a PTA and pay for field trips, etc.
 - School ballot drop off till 8 p.m.
 - Standing rule changes: please see rules.
 - Standing committees: haven't filled two positions so they'll be cut: 1) outreach coordinator, and 2) Communications positions.
 - Visual Arts Committee-voted to make a permanent/standing committee with Francesca the chairperson.
 - The PTA convention delegated should be selected by March.
- Vote for changes: 1st motion: Jennifer Povich
2nd motion: Anne Myrthue
Received majority vote: yes

Financial Update: Treasurer Constance San Juan

The PTA board approved \$100 for the spelling bee for volunteer Gayle Meiers.

The June meeting will be a budgeting meeting for next year.

New funding proposals for next year are due by Friday June 3rd.

There was new PTA member in April, the Principal.

The net gain from the auction was \$16,160.

Note card sale brought in \$10.

E-script brought in \$20.

The Burgerville fundraiser brought in \$229.

Constance went to the PTA convention and reviewed the highlights. She went to the meeting on bullying and thinks that the school is following the right guidelines. She went to some fundraising idea meetings. And she went to a meeting about how to diversify the PTA, especially considering the teachers and the immersion parents. She discussed reporting to those groups instead of needing them to come to PTA meetings.

Someone from the general PTA meeting asked about script fundraising. There was some discussion about it including remarks such as it takes a lot of work to manage but in the last few years it's gotten easier.

May 26th there'll be a fundraising meeting.

Volunteer opportunities: Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Povich

- Everything in FYI
- Friday from 8:25-9:45 a.m. in the gym there'll be a volunteer appreciation event.
- Stories of place
- Carnival June 3rd
- Field Day, Friday June 10th
- Community Care Day, inside coordinator
- Ice cream social open house, 3rd week in September
- Directory

Replacing plastic utensils and plates at school: volunteer Sandra Ganey

She wants to create "party packs" of reusable utensils and plates for classroom parties and activities. Each classroom would have one.

And she wants to get rid of the plastic utensils in the lunchroom by having a silverware drive. And the cafeteria staff will wash the silver ware.

Principal Update: Debbie Armendariz

Homework expectations: Debbie polled the teachers on Monday and heard that most teachers expect ½ hr/day plus reading of homework. Teachers are sensitive to the desires of the parents. [If your child's homework is not working with your family, please talk to your teacher as there is flexibility.]

Middle school expectations: Vice-Principal of Mt Tabor Middle School

- 6th grade—1 hr of homework/night including reading
- Projects growing in length—"stair stepping"
- Bookmark-log for reading
- Preparing them for high school
- Each student gets a planner. Teacher signs out on it.
- ½ hr/day advisory support/"structured study hall"
- 8 sections including 6 academic periods
- 2 school lunches/recesses which last an hour
- Non-language immersion track has separate language arts teachers and science/math teacher
- Enrichment teacher/s: P.E. band, health, art
- Summer preparation: limit screen time and reading (can find appropriate reading level books though Multnomah county library)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.