

**Atkinson PTA meeting minutes
December 14, 2010**

Minutes amended & approved 9/20/11; addition in green below

Minutes taken by Holly Boime.

Members present: Karla Zirbes, Holly Boime, Lydia Poole, Renee Carter, Robin Feidelson, Laura Mason, Anne Myrthue, Jennifer Povich, David Rees, Suzanne Harold, Beth Gebstadl, Molly Haynes, Laura Minato, Sam Vougay, Hennrid Kraus, Heidi Kraus, Rachel Belcher, Constance San Juan, and Denise Dekker

Karla Zirbes called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Language Committee Update: David Rees

- * Classes are “second best” plan for bridge to continue language program at Atkinson
- * Spanish classes-two separate programs
 1. Hands-on-learning: 2x/wk grades K-2, and grades 3-5, M&W’s
 2. Portland Early Learning Project 1x/wk grades K-3 Th
- * Chinese classes, 2x/wk Sally Yan, grades K-2 and grades 3-5
- * Vietnamese, 2x/wk grades K-5, Tu and Th
- * Registration form-ready to go out for use tomorrow
- * Kate (last name?) working on Master’s at PSU working on a project for school on sustainable language program/model at Atkinson
- * If half of parents pay full price then language class program pays for itself
- * Jeannie will help administer program like “Explore” program
- * Discussion of issues such as quality of instructors, varying student levels of language proficiency

Motion originated by David Rees, seconded by Constance San Juan, passed by majority: \$3500 increase to the Language Support line item on the budget.

Educational Technology: Principal Debbie Armendariz

- * What? Why? How?
- * Current prg requirements:
 - *PE 2x/wk
 - *counseling
 - *3x enrichment/wk
- * What is educational technology?
 - OR Dept. of Ed.
 1. PK-2nd grades: 2x/wk for 20 minutes, to communicate and navigate in virtual environments
 2. 3rd-5th grades: 30-45 minutes/wk, recognize biases, conduct science experiments, collaborative participation in electronic project

- * Skills lacking: don't have digital catalogue skills or keyboarding skills
- * The Principal demonstrated on the new Elmo projector how technology could be integrated into the classroom through the collaborative curriculum software.

* Need for funding

*	School-wide prg w/significant supply costs	
*	<u>Hardware</u>	
	30 labtops	\$35,349
	30 AC	\$2,370
	30 MIC	\$540
	Cart	\$1,462
	 Total supplies	 \$39,721
*	FTE for educational technology support/professional development	

- * IT committee volunteers: Suzanne Harold and Heather ?
- * Other possible funding sources Ed. Tech.?

Discussion Topic: PTA funding priorities

Karla led a discussion about funding priorities about the rating form, and the possible need for an annual survey. PTA communication and involvement for also discusses.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.