

## Jacob Wismer (JW) Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2013

**President's Report:** Kim Beaton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. There were fourteen people in attendance. Kim said that the PTO board is recruiting for the next year's board. Kim will email the list to Joan for it to go in the Journal.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the March 2013 meeting minutes.

**Principal's Report:** Joan McFadden said thank you to Celebrate the Arts PTO Chair Avi Huelskamp. The staff had a lot of fun being very involved. Joan recommended there be another professional group such as Portland Taiko at Celebrate the Arts. It cost \$500. Kim thanked Joan for arranging Portland Taiko. Portland Taiko will be here as the Artist in Residence April 30<sup>th</sup>-June 5. Each class gets five sessions. No volunteers are needed.

Joan said that if the Levy passes, JW will get the equivalent of three more teachers in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. So of the five grade levels, four grade levels would have five teachers and one would have four.

The staff are excited about the Giving Tree that GERALYN Kerprich has started. I-Shuan Warr made a beautiful paper giving tree for the wall.

Tracy Bariao-Arce will be the staff leader for One School One Book.

It is important that any checks/invoices to the PTO say Jacob Wismer PTO.

**VP of Fundraising:** Jogathon Chair Marlo McIlraith talked about Jogathon. In addition to the traditional pledge envelopes, there will be an online website where people can donate called FirstGiving. Bonny Slope School has used First Giving. FirstGiving takes 5% of each donation, plus 2.5% of each credit card donation. There is an optional \$500 annual subscription fee that makes administration easier and allows more support from FirstGiving. 133 students had pages for fundraising at Bonny Slope. The Challenge Run will be on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Megan Schnell presented a check for \$1,102.80 from Innisbrook online. Sept 16<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> will be next year's JW Innisbrook sale. There will be 50% profit on gifts and gift wrap and 45% for chocolate, which is an increased percentage from last year.

Helen Sixta talked about the Gift Card Program (Scrip). When people buy a gift card through the program, a percentage will go to the school. The gift cards don't have to be for gifts; they can be for everyday purchases.

**VP of Community Events:** Ashly Thelin described plans for Staff Appreciation Week, which will be the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Lynn Hartigan said that Andrea Crowe is holding a meeting re. Carnival tomorrow. Many volunteer chairs and volunteer worker are definitely needed. Lynn read a report regarding Art Literacy from Liz Caswell, which stated that the unit on Romantic painter JMW Turner next week. The cityscapes turned out great and the students have really enjoyed the project. The final training of the year will be on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> on Impressionist painter Mary Cassatt. A portrait of a woman in floral hat using the medium of oil pastels with watercolor resist will be created.

Afton Nelson and I-Shuan Warr have agreed to co-chair Art Literacy for next school year, 2013-14, as Liz Caswell is "graduating" with her youngest child finishing 5th grade this year. Len Mathes will continue as Project Chair.

**Volunteer Coordinators:** Nina Kelley reported that One School One Book bookmarks have arrived and books have been ordered. May 6<sup>th</sup> the books will go home. Each family gets one book and one bookmark. Nina will present a personalized video at lunch from the author.

Geralyn Kerprich reported regarding My Voice Music. Tracy Bariao-Arce has been making the schedule. It's supposed to start on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Nina Kelley said that Sara O'Donnell said to please ask people to check lost and found.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chitra Tovinkere consented for Kim Beaton to present the Profit and Loss Budget Overview, which is for through March 10th. Kim noted that \$4,322.76 of the \$6,000 for the All Grade Donation has been spent. Income is still well over budget; expenses are over budget, but income is greater than expenses, with net income at \$11,582.27.

**PTO Liaison's Report:** Dan Silver relayed the staff's thanks for the donation and reported how the grade levels spent their additional PTO All Grade Donation. Kindergarten purchased CD players for the listening centers, a subscription to Reading A-Z, a subscription to Choice Literacy, batteries (for the CD players), student calculators, and some new white boards. First grade bought Versatiles and Versatile math books. Each class now has a full set. Second grade purchased a class set of thermometers that are used frequently in science and on chapter book sets at the second grade for guided reading groups (7 copies of each title)--34 SETS of book (238 books in all). Third grade bought Rosetta Stone, paper cutters, pencil sharpeners and new speakers. Fourth grade booked a Lewis and Clark presenter, brought Oregon Trail foods in (jerky, cracker bread to simulate hardtack, and ginger snaps for a treat at the fort) and are going to book a Native American Storyteller. Fifth grade purchased a teacher's guide for the Science Curriculum (Interactive Science), projectors mounted on the ceiling, and office and craft supplies such as new staplers and new electric pencil sharpeners, a hot glue guns and sticks. Also, fifth grade developed the Outdoor Science Camp photos.

Dan provided a summary of what the students have been doing at each grade level.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.