

**Jacob Wismer (JW) Elementary School
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2013**

President's Report: Kim called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. There were 18 people in attendance. Kim said that she's working on getting an Artist in Residence for 2013-2014.

Secretary's Report: Geralyn Kerprich said that the mymusicvoice.org address that was in the January 2013 doesn't work. A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the January 2013 meeting notes with the music source Web address corrected.

Marlo McIlraith presented an update about Jog-a-thon. JW's P.E. teacher on maternity leave during Jog-a-thon. Marlo asked about any ideas. Geralyn Kerprich asked about online fundraising. Marlo said she checked, and it takes 5-7 percent. Wendy Gibson asked if Paypal worked. Marlo said that the one that was checked that Bonny Slope did had whole process integrated. Joan McFadden said that a sub is planned for Andy Pfau's leave. Marlo said that considering a postcard ahead of time.

Principal's Report: Portland Taiko will be here on March 4th. Oaks Testing if kids don't meet first time, test again. If meet, must get parents' permission to see if can do better. Also comparing children's progress. Testing late March and April. Having another anti-bullying assembly will be on Friday. We think it is helping with behavior at recess. Specifically addressing gossiping in upper grades, what to do if walk in on friend writing on bathroom walls, that no one can reserve seats on bus. It's been great having Tracy here to do many projects; doing great. Joan said that the ticket system went great at movie night. For the Variety Show, will need volunteers for door supervision.

CEC: Joan said that there is nothing to report because the committee hasn't met since the last meeting. Next meeting will be in early March.

Ashly Thelin and Rachael McCauley are the PTO Staff Appreciation people. Qdoba will cater a February event. Staff appreciation week is in May and they'll be collecting items for the gift baskets.

VP of Fundraising: Wendy Gibson said McMenamins didn't choose JW for their fundraiser. On Feb 18th Si Senor is giving 20% of profits. A JW family co-owns the restaurant. March 21st will be Sweet Tomatoes fundraiser 6-8:30 p.m. Both events need flyers.

VP of Community Events: Lynn Hartigan said that the Variety Show is March 1st. Class coordinators getting info. Mandatory dress rehearsal is the day before at 3:05 p.m.

It was requested that information be put in the PTO newsletter regarding making a donation to benefit the community of Vancouver's Crestline School, which burned down earlier in the year. Wendy Gibson noted that JW PTO earned (2) \$87.50 Target giftcards through a Facebook promotion. A motion was made, seconded and approved to donate those gift cards for Crestline School. Wendy will send them.

Celebrate the Arts: Avi said that there have been some changes. The staff had approached Avi and Joan with ideas for changes. Second grade pod will be leading a hands on art project that the whole school will do. Fifth grade would like to do a special project, too. Some of the art work will be displayed on places besides on the walls. The music piece will be in the cafeteria. Joan said that the plan is to have a schedule board that says there will be such event at this time. The teachers really want to showcase what's going on in the classes. Avi said that there will not be outside artists involved this time. A florist is being sought for an arrangement for their entryway. The 5th grade student leaders will help guide people again this year. Responding to Geralyn's question, Avi said that there will be multiple things going on at once so that the rooms shouldn't get too crowded.

Fall Carnival Andrea Crowe would like to have a co-chair, someone who will be involved 2014-15. Need a volunteer coordinator, 2 cake walk chairs, a whole raffle committee—at least 4 people. Thinking of not announcing all the drawings so it doesn't take away from the events.

Volunteer Coordinators: Geralyn spoke for Nina. She said that OBOB is going great. Geralyn said that they'll get ticket takers for Variety Show.

Member at Large: Jillian Starr said that author Deborah Hopkinson presented. Jillian said that author Eric Kimmel will present next, on March 7th. Jillian displayed the books that will be shared. Eric Kimmel has over 100 books. Book order forms will be coming to teachers soon.

Treasurer's Report: Chitra gave Kim the materials to present. Received \$438 from General Mills Box Tops. Parent checks keep trickling in for class parties etc. Financially doing great. Total income is \$57,751.69. Total expenses are \$40,828.39.

PTO Liasons: Barbara Yarnell said thank you very much for the class \$. 4th grade Washington Cty museum presenting about Lewis & Clark. Whole school is focusing on informational writing. 1st grade: polar pet parade. Walk to Math-grouped according to needs. 5th grade studying colonies & having an all day water festival field trip. 2nd grade writing multi paragraph. Oregon Zoo presenting, re. insects. Kindy "Trip" to China with New Year's parade. 100th day at end of month. Every Friday, community time, half day and full day do a mini assembly. 4th grade has a mini society re. economics, now they are focusing on starting a business. Later in the year will do international selling among all of the 4th grade classes.

New Business: No new business.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.