

**Jacob Wismer (JW) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2014**

President's Report: Kathy Leis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. There were 19 people in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Erin Ertz sent around the January minutes. Geralyn Kerprich moved to approve minutes. Sarah Plocher seconded. Looking for way to get meeting minutes posted online and on PTO bulletin board faster. Erin Ertz will send minutes within a week to everyone in attendance, they will have 7 days to make amendments. Then they will be sent to everyone on the PTO Board for approval and will then post on PTO site and PTO bulletin board. We will vote on that next meeting because it involves a change in the by-laws. Erin Ertz will post the current bylaws and the proposed amendment to the PTO board in the hallway outside the office for review prior to the next PTO meeting.

Mrs. Welch Music Program: Students were in attendance to show a demonstration of our music program. 5th graders demonstrated "ostenado."
K & 1st grade: moving a lot, creating movement, mirroring, clapping and rhythm
K, 1st, 2nd: studying song "4 White Horses"
2nd grade: dancing to "Here Comes Sally", also xylophones
3rd grade: lines and spaces, currently doing an art piece to help remember spaces
4th grade: doing a lot of singing "I don't care if the rain comes down" and "We Live in Oregon" and doing a dance with it
5th grade: finished ostenado and doing a search for ostenado in classical music and doing "We Live in Oregon"

Principal's Report: Joan McFadden

There will be a BSD Bond on the May Elections. The bond is \$680 Million (will maintain same rate; old bond is being retired so no change in taxes). It is going towards new capacity (35%), modernization (55%), technology (10%). Every BSD school will benefit. Included in the bond: new high school, new middle school at Timberland (north of 26), new K5 in North Bethany, purchase land for a future elementary school in South Cooper mtn area, replace Vose, replace Hazel dale. There will be safety and security upgrades and needed repairs (ex. Sunset HS roof). There will be wireless technology upgrades and new technology for learning. Jacob Wismer will be looking for about 5 parent/staff leaders to help with the campaign; please thinking about being a leader or helping by giving donations, canvassing, lawn signs, etc.

Community Partnership Team: Joan McFadden,
Team is composed of Joan McFadden, Tracy Bariao-Arce, Nancy Spaulding
(Cedar Mill Library), Tina Oki Le, Jillian Starr, Nina Kelley, Marnie Sadek, and
Catherine Kerrigan.
Continuing with WE campaign.

Assistant Principals Report (Tracy Bariao): WE buttons are being made thanks
to Jillian and Brian Starr. Kids will wear buttons at assembly next week.
2nd and 4th graders will be ability tested with a CogAT screening. Students at 97 or
above will be identified for full version for TAG identification. This CogAT
Screening will be administered to all second and fourth graders sometime between
March 3rd-7th.

Pennies for patients drive is underway through 2/21. Money raised will go to the
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society which provides services and research to help
families and kids int ehri fight to beat blood cancer. Collections are being done in
classrooms. At the end, the grade with the highest donations collected overall will
win an extra recess during the last week of February. There are also raffle prizes.
Raffle tickets are given out by teachers and need to include students' first and last
names. They need to be turned in to Tracy or Krista's box by noon on Thursday,
Feb 20th in order for students to be included in the raffle.

VP Fundraising's Report: Wendy Gibson: Sockhop is next Friday the 21st from
6-8pm. DJ, pizza, rootbeer float and snack area, lots of cute decorations and signs,
pizza and cake walk. Kids have been learning dances for it in PE (The Cupid
Shuffle, The Electric Slide, and Hand Jive soon). Looking for help decorating
towards the end of the school day. 5th grade leadership may speak at lunch. Need
cakewalk donations. Sarah Plocher is getting the boxes needed for donations.
Sweet Tomatoes restaurant night is February 25th.

VP Community Events Report: Anne Daniels:
Nina Kelley reports that books for the library need to be ordered and processed
before the end of February or else they won't get done until the summer because of
a change in the system. Nina Kelley, Sara O'Donnell and Mrs. Le are working on
compiling a list and ordering books ASAP.

Celebrate the Arts: Anne Daniels reported for Melody Stringer that the PTO has
secured Haiyan International Dance School for a closing performance that night.
This is a free performance. Choir performances are planned. There will be

activities in the classroom pods. There will be a collective fish project. The date is May 8th.

Author visits: Jillian Starr had a lot of author questions come in. Submissions for the Elizabeth Rusch contests are due next week. Roland Smith is tentatively booked for April 14th. He should be confirmed soon.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report: Geralyn Kerprich, Sarah Plocher

There will be a staff appreciation lunch on the 13th.

Helpcounter has all the volunteer slots for SockHop.

Member at Large Report: Shanna Lonquist – None.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Patsy

Outdoor school money raised is \$3,268.

PTO Liaison: Dan Silver provided grade level reports.

Kindy- sharing ancestry and countries that we come from. Just finished a more in-depth study of China and it's culture with the idea that ll countries have their own cultures. Learning about habitats and hibernation. They are going to celebrate 100th day of school. And they are going to try and follow the Olympics.

1st grade: wrapped up polar pet parade and reports.

2nd grade: solar system learning. Students chose planet and did project and speech on planet.

3rd grade: biography study which will culminate in wax museum. They are learning about life sciences.

4th grade: opinion writing. Owl pellets soon. Studying Lewis and Clarke with interactive maps, firsthand accounts and texts and read alouds. A big thank you for the glass art. Class businesses are coming soon.

5th grade: working hard learning about animals and their habitats. Also have been actively participating in the Hands On Equations instructional system. This was purchased with a BEF grant and all fifth graders are able to participate at once. The system uses game pieces consisting of pawns and numbered cubes which enable students to visualize algebraic equations in a way that make them clear and understandable. Field trip in March to Children's Clean Water Festival. In March also looking forward to "Where in the World" Presentation. This presentation allows students to understand the interdependence of the global economy and using technology for research; engage in collaborative discussions and use newly acquired vocabulary in writing.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.