

**Jacob Wismer (JW) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2015**

Welcome and Introductions

President's Report: Kathy Leis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Introductions were bypassed. There were 16 people in attendance. Kathy expressed her heartfelt thanks to the board and to Joan McFadden and Dan Silver for two great years of support. In addition, Kathy reported on the following:

- The 2015-2016 proposed PTO Board was presented as follows:
 - President: Bradi Gates
 - V.P. of Community Events: Sarah Sperbeck-Koenders
 - V.P. of Fundraising: Amy Charon
 - Co-Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Kelly Rossow
 - Co-Volunteer Coordinator: Amy Roskowski
 - Treasurer: Latsy Walker
 - Secretary: Merideth Manwiller
 - Member at Large: Jen Politsch

Erin Ertz made a motion to approve the new board. Anne Daniels seconded. New PTO Board is unanimously approved and will take effect July 1st.

- Cherie Pun Memorial Update: Some of Cherie's close friends have ultimately decided to memorialize Cherie by naming the reading corner in the library after her. Exact wording and lettering is tbd, but will either be placed up on the beam, or on the wall. Both will be decided this summer.
- Giving Tree: Has been up for about a month ago. Leaves are being taken down, so that seems to be going well.

Secretary's Report: Erin Ertz had no updates.

Principal's Report: Joan McFadden reported on the following:

- Staff Appreciation week was unbelievable. It was so much fun and the entire staff felt so spoiled. Thank you!
- All Beaverton schools will be open on Wednesday mornings in the summer. However, Jacob Wismer will be closed from June 22 through the end of July so that a new alarm system can be installed. Jacob Wismer will open again on Wednesday mornings the beginning of August.
- A parent had contacted Joan regarding earthquake drills and preparedness at Jacob Wismer. Do we have enough supplies, etc? Joan looked at the District guidelines and has gone ahead and purchased 800 bottles of water, which will be stored in a common area room in the cafeteria (next to the

stage.) There should be enough food already stored in the cafeteria should the need arise.

- The District has new plan in place if an intruder were to enter the school. District has partnered with Trimet, and in such event, buses will quickly swarm the school and kids will be led out to buses which will take them to THPRD as a safe place for parents to check-in.
- Joan presented gifts to each PTO board member as a thank you for their service to the school.

Community Partnership Team: Joan McFadden had no updates.

VP Fundraising's Report: Bradi Gates reported that the Sweet Tomatoes fundraiser will be on Monday from 5-8pm and to bring fliers. She received a check from Master George at Bethany US West Coast Taekwondo for \$500. Bradi also reported that SCRIP proceeds total \$1600, which all go to the 5th Grade Events fund. The PTO Scholarships will be presented to Nicole Kister from Westview, and the Cherie Pun Memorial Scholarship to Camille Pun at Sunset. Bradi expressed a huge thanks to all her Chairs for being supportive, helpful and running on their own this year.

VP Community Events: Anne Daniels reported on the following:

- Author Visits: Nick Bruel ("Bad Kitty" author) will be at Jacob Wismer on October 20, 2015. He will be with us for a full day. He will also be visiting McKinley on the 19th and Findley on the 21st. Jarrett Krosoczka ("Lunch Lady" author) will be at Jacob Wismer on November 17th for a half day. He will also be visiting Oak Hills on the 17th, Bonny Slope on the 18th and Findley on the 18th.
- Fifth Grade Planning: Margaret Littman reported that she had the final planning meeting last night. Budget wise is looking like we'll be able to get tshirts, photobooth, little prizes, etc. Will be able to borrow some games from previous years carnival. Yearbooks came in under budget thanks to the UPS store that produced a nice quality yearbook for a reasonable cost. Yearbooks will be ready on Friday and will be delivered to 5th graders Wednesday morning. Food for party is pretty typical: chips, pizza, dilly bars from DQ, watermelon, etc. We have a lot of volunteers for outdoor games. I-Shuan put together a really nice slideshow of the 5th graders. Mary Kelly did a lot of research as to what to give back to the school for the class gift and ultimately decided to give something to the PE department for new equipment, or whatever their needs are.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report: Mary Kelly Rossow reported that there are the following open Chair positions: OSOB, Author Visits, Celebrate the Arts, Fall Event. Please let Mary Kelly know if there is anyone you can think of for these positions. There are also two positions open for co- chairs on Staff Appreciation and Variety show. Also need someone to shadow Helen on Scrip.

Treasurer's Report: Latsy Walker presented the proposed 2015-2016 PTO budget. The following revisions were made: Decrease Innisbrook by \$3,000, Increase Jog-a-thon by \$3,000, Increase Scrip Rebate by \$200, Increase Write-a-Check by \$3,000, increase Movie Night by \$110, Increase Scholarship Fund by \$100, Increase Author Visits \$1,000, added a new category for Science Expo/OMSI, Increase Classrooms by \$150 for additional staff member, Increase Music and PE by \$500 each, Increase the Risograph Maintenance by \$25 and change line item to "Copier Maintenance", Add new category of Website Hosting, Increase Taxes \$70, and add new category for Domain Registration. We decided to not include the \$1,000 Help Desk Computer line item in the upcoming budget since Joan McFadden says she has a computer the PTO can use at the Help Desk. Bradi Gates made a motion to approve the budget, Mary Kelly Rossow seconded. New 2015-2016 PTO budget was unanimously voted in.

Member at Large Report: Tammy Robb was not present and had no updates.

PTO Liaison: Dan Silver provided the following grade level updates:
From the staff: Thank you so much for the amazing Staff Appreciation week! We all felt so loved and appreciated – thank you all so much!

Kindergarten: Our team of learners has had a great year! Next week we will be planning a "curriculum celebration" for the entire kindergarten. All the children will move from room to room participating in science, math, language and art activities. Fun!

1st grade: We are gearing up to go to the zoo. We are researching zoo animals. At the zoo this Thursday, students can tell their groups what facts they learned about that animal. Following the zoo trip we will make dioramas that depict the animals' habitats.

2nd grade: Staff Appreciation was amazing! We all loved it and thought it was very creative. 2nd grade had a successful year with Walk to Math and we are thinking of doing it again next year. 2nd graders are super excited about Field Day and we appreciate all of the volunteers that help make that possible.

3rd Grade: Third grade is doing a bit of everything! From Jr. Achievement to Poetry, Earth Science to Multiplication, we are celebrating our classroom communities. We are making end of the year booklets, looking at the life cycle of the M. H. cockroach in person (or in bug?), creating Portland brochures and presentations and we've been writing fiction like mad for the last two weeks.

4th Grade: Fourth grade has been busy finishing up Pioneer life on the Oregon Trail. Our field trip to Phillip Foster's Pioneer Farm is scheduled for this week. Mrs. Yarnell is putting on an Oregon Trail play the afternoon of Tuesday, June 9. Several of us did a weeks long Oregon Trail simulation game along with first person diary writing, historical fiction reading, and long term projects. Mr. Silver's class published an Oregon Trail 'zine for historical fiction writing and Mrs. Guevara's class has been working on opinion writing such as What do you think of this 1800's historical figure? Why? Provide evidence from your reading/research. Mrs. Johnston is wrapping up a summer vacation trip simulation using detailed road maps of Oregon and several classes are working on an end of the year memory book. Finally, we had a very successful Interanational Business Day last week and are looking forward to a second day during the last week of school.

5th Grade: In fifth grade, we were blessed to have received bonus money from PTO (THANK YOU!) to pay for Outdoor School photos to be developed. Each child received about 10 photos to use in their Outdoor School flip book, which is a fun scrapbook they are currently writing and illustrating as a way of remembering their special time at ODS. Additionally, students have read a Newbery award book and are completing a Newbery book project. We just wrapped up a visit from our artist in residence, which was funded by an Arts 4 Learning district-wide grant. Our artist spent five sessions with each class, teaching students water color tricks and tips as they painted a scene from the shared book Seed Folks. The results are beautiful!

Mrs. Welch's Music Room: The last few weeks of school have been devoted to reviewing previous material. Whether we are discussing works of the great composers, playing xylophones, drums, and recorders, singing, composing, creating movements to music or learning new dances, the kids are wrapping up the year in the music room in a fun and creative way!

Choir News: We are preparing for our final concert next Monday, June 8th, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria/gym. We have a wonderful program of patriotic, jazz, and multi-cultural songs. The kids have worked very hard all year long, staying with our early-morning rehearsal schedule. The concert on Monday is a wonderful culmination of our accomplishments!

Ms. Belgique's Music Classes: In all grades we are taking a broad look at classical music, it's forms, styles, and history. We're listening to examples of classical music (Eine Kleine Nachtmusik by W.A. Mozart, Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev, The Entertainer by Scott Joplin—just to name a few) and talking about some of the more popular and well known composers and conductors.

I'm looking for any parents/volunteers that might be willing to be an accompanist for next year--advanced piano playing skills aren't necessary, but being able to play vocal parts is helpful. Interested parties could contact me by email.

PE: Thursday and Friday all students will participate in Field Day. Next week Mr. Arnold's and Mr. V's PE classes will get combined for fun end of the year group activities.

New Business: There was no new business to report.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51.