

**Jacob Wismer (JW) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)  
Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2013**

**President's Report:** Kim Beaton called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves. There were 22 people in attendance.

**Jog-a-thon:** Jog-a-thon is the largest fundraiser for the school. Discussion to move Jog-a-thon to the first week of October. Since the carnival will be replaced with the sock hop in the spring, the Jog-a-thon would take the place of the fall activity. Kathy Leis (2013 – 2014 PTO President) and Principal Joan McFadden to discuss and make final decision as to date. Update: Date set for October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**President's Report:** Kim bids her heartfelt goodbyes to all the current and new chairs and PTO members. She expressed her sincere appreciation and support she has received as the PTO president for the past two years.

**Secretary's Report:** Julia Gaynor sent around minutes. Motion to approve last month's May meeting minutes was passed.

**Principal :** Joan began with changes and updates to staffing starting in the fall. ESL teacher, Terry Thornburgh is retiring. Shawn Parker, ESL teacher will be moving to full time. Colin Arnold, PE teacher is returning. Andrea Pfau will be going to Highland Park. Jon Rattazzi is moving to Meadow Park middle school where he has been promoted to foreman. Mike Bell from Mount Clair will be a new custodian. Kelly Isinger will be coming back from Cedar Park. Judith Smith, speech pathologist is going to Greenway. David Moss is returning to Southridge high school to teach Language Arts. Joan presented end of school year gifts to outgoing members as a thank you for their tremendous commitment to the school.

**Community Engagement Committee (Principal McFadden):** Joan is currently recruiting for committee members.

**VP of Fundraising Report:** Wendy Gibson reported that a check was received from Bethany U.S. West Coast Taekwondo for \$500. Still waiting to receive check from Si Senior.

**VP of Community Events Report:** Ken Derbenti said that Artist in Residence, Lisa Wilky, will be the glass artist teacher for 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades. Glass panels could possibly hang over the window by stringing panels together. Concerns over safety

using glass medium had been brought up. Ken said that, according to Lisa Wilky, the glass the kids will be working with will be softer. Project to start mid-January to February. Final date TBD.

**Volunteer Coordinators Report:** Geralyn Kerprich said that former teachers presented JW PTO scholarship winners. Scholarships awarded to Paisley Hiefield from Westview and Maren Hansen from Sunset. Program will continue next year.

**Member at Large Report:** Jillian Starr said that author Stephan Pastis, NY Times bestseller, will be doing a visit on the afternoon of October 21<sup>st</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade only, due to book content skewing to an older audience. The book is “Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made.” Publicist sent out some free books that will be available to check out. Jillian to get remaining author list (5 or 6) to Joan in August for review.

**Treasurer Report:** Karen Patsy presented the budget by line item. Carnival line item has been removed and will be replaced with Sock Hop in School Activities section.

The fundraiser totals for each program are as follows:

Box Tops - \$1,100

Carnival - \$3,650

Gift Card - \$2,520

Innisbrook - \$8,366

Jog-a-thon - \$15,065

Matching Funds - \$2,290

PE from Laurel Park walk-a-thon - \$130

Scrip Rebate - \$210

Shopping/Restaurant.Taekwondo - \$1,765

Write-a-check - \$14,296

School Support: Joan confirmed that grades 1 – 5 will have 29 classroom teachers. Kindergarten will have 2 full time teachers and 2 half time kindergartens. Total teachers will be 33. Summary of budget: Motion approved to approve budget for 2013/2014 school year. Motion was passed.

**Grade updates:**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Barb Yarnell reported that first grade has been studying animals, and took a trip to the zoo.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: students used Claymation and to make a short movie, storyteller came and told Native American legends, children very impressed.

**New Business:** As the baton was handed over to new PTO President Kathy Leiss, the current PTO members read a poem in honor of Kim Beaton's last meeting as PTO president and her 2 years of service.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:14p.m.