

**Jacob Wismer (JW) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)  
Meeting Minutes  
June 4th, 2014**

**President's Report:** Kathy Leis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Introductions were made. There were 13 people in attendance.

- Beaverton Clothes Closet Drive: Kathy Leis reported that the clothing drive was very successful and that they were very appreciative of the quality of donations received.
- Kindergarten will be moving downstairs. The Kindergarten team has come up with a plan to make the back area by the playground nicer looking. Mrs. Gilchrist has provided a proposal for landscaping the area, including some ideas such as a butterfly garden, etc. Funds for this project will come out of the Facility Improvement Fund. Plans will be implemented this summer.
- Kathy Leis presented the new PTO Board members for 2014-2015. Erin Ertz made a motion to approve the new board members. Karen Patsy seconded. New PTO Board is approved and is as follows:
  - President – Kathy Leis
  - V.P. of Community Events – Anne Daniels
  - V.P. of Fundraising – Bradi Gates
  - Co-Volunteer Coordinator – Sarah Plocher
  - Co-Volunteer Coordinator – Mary Kelly Rossow
  - Treasurer – Latsy Walker
  - Secretary – Erin Ertz
  - Member at Large – Tammy Robb
- Kathy Leis expressed her appreciation and gratitude to the current board. She also thanked Joan McFadden and Tracy Bariao-Arce for being great resources her first year in office.

**Secretary's Report:** Erin Ertz had no updates.

**Principal's Report:** Joan McFadden

Joan thanked the PTO board for all the service we do and passed out gifts to all the current PTO board members.

Staffing & Placement for 2014-2015 school year

- Kindergarten (moving to current 5<sup>th</sup> grade pod) Full day: Sippel, Gilchrist; AM: Vuksich AM: Karim
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: (all teachers will be in the NE pod) Knighten, Steward, Guilfoyle, (open spot) Gatewood retiring

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: (same pod as this year) Amato, Rosenquist, Eggers, Toevs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: (same pod as this year) Wallace, Kerrigan, Blechman, England, John Sundahl (from Nancy Ryles) \*Carleton was temporary; Bedrick moving to Cedar Hills
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: (same pod as this year) Leahy, Silver, Johnston, Yarnell, Guevara
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: (moving to K pod & Stewart and Gatewood's rooms) Ewert, Liesinger, Scoggins, Elms, Getty
- Music: (music room and fishbowl) Welch, (open position)
- PE: (gym, cafeteria 8:35-10:15 portable) Arnold, (open position)
- Library: Oki Le (full time)
- Technology (high)
- Counselor: 1.0 (open) (Orchard moving to Raleigh Hills)
- ESL: (portable) Cochran, Orloff (both full time); Chen retiring
- Special Ed: (same classroom) Caverly
- Speech: (same office) Curran (Clarity asst.)
- School Psychologist: (same office) Dombrowski
- Student Supervisor (same office) Bariao-Arce
- Support: McNamara
- Secretaries: Secker, Cruickshank, Urban
- IAs: Barghigiani, Sanderson, Scopacasa, Powell \*Cara Holman transferred to Montclair
- Custodians: Boell, Shaw
- New Technology Lab: 33 new desktops – Lab next to Media (windows)

Glass Mural Art installation is underway.

**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.

Focus will be on technology for next school year; more specifically on coding; this year focus was on literacy. Ken Derbenti is researching and Jillian Starr is also involved in the process. Team will pitch doing a Technology Residency next year, rather than Artist in Residency as was this year.

**Assistant Principals Report** (Tracy Bariao-Arce)

- New Computer Lab: With the Bond passing, there will be a new computer lab. Current computers will be dispersed into pods to give students more access

- Field Day: Feedback from field day is that it went really well. Lots saying it was the best field day they have seen! The day was very organized, kids loved it, activities were so fun and creative, buddy system was great, more relaxed and not rushed. Mr. Arnold and Mr. Whitehead did a great job!

**VP Fundraising's Report:** (Wendy Gibson was absent)

- Jog-a-thon: Mary Kelly Rossow provided the date for the Fall Jog-a-thon, which will be held on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Suggestion to get a substitute for Colin Arnold that day so he can focus on helping with jog-a-thon was brought up. Discussion was had as to whether the PTO could cover the cost for a substitute, or could the 2<sup>nd</sup> PE teacher take on 2 classes that day. Discussion and decision tabled until later date.

**VP Community Events Report:** Anne Daniels provided the following updates in Jillian Starr's absence

- Author Visits: NY Times Bestselling Author and Caldecott Honoree Aaron Becker will be at Jacob Wismer on September 16<sup>th</sup>. He will have 2 presentations: grades K-2 and grades 3-5. Event is free.
- Laika will be visiting Jacob Wismer most likely in November. Jillian working on securing dates. Will bring Laika puppets, talk about story creating, and tying in books with Here Be Monsters (Boxtrolls), Coraline and Wildwood. Will be an hour visit for grades 3-5. Cost of event is free.
- Nancy Tillman ("On the Night You Were Born", plus many other books) will read her book(s) to one grade level in 2015. She doesn't give formal presentations, but enjoys coming to schools and reading to classrooms for free. More info to come in 2015.
- Portland author Matthew Hold, Author of Babymouse series and the Squish series will be invited for a spring author visit. He was here at Jacob Wismer 3 years ago and was a big hit!

**Volunteer Coordinator's Report:** Geralyn Kerprich, Sarah Plocher: Geralyn Kerprich is finalizing the new PTO chair list and will distribute when ready. Geralyn just came from Jacob Wismer Alumni Scholarship presentation at Westview where two recipients were awarded scholarships: Rachel Hill and Katherine Kramer. Both were thrilled!

**Member at Large Report:** Shanna Lonquist – No updates

### **Treasurer's Report: Karen Patsy**

Karen Patsy presented a couple updates to the proposed 2014-2015 budget.

- Carrying over \$14,500. Will probably bring over more, as Karen is still expecting a couple things to come through.
- Fundraisers Budget: \$39,200
  - Total Fundraising amount and Carryover amount: \$53,700

School Activities Budget: \$7,500

School Enrichment Program Budget: \$ 27,200

School Support Budget: \$8,125

PTO Budget: \$2,280

**Proposed Budgeted Expenses: \$45,105**

Vote on 2014-2015 Budget: Nina Kelley made a motion. Shanna Lonquist seconded. Proposed budget is approved for the 2014-2015 school year.

**PTO Liaison:** Dan Silver provided updates on the grades he heard back from.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

First grade is going to the zoo on June 5th. We have each researched and become an "expert" on one zoo animal. They are all excited to see their animal and they will be observing it with new eyes. On Friday, we will each make a diorama of our animal's habitat, which is always great fun!

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The changing bodies Health unit has been completed. Speeches have been given, buddy classes are wrapping up, and big projects are coming to a close. Mrs. Yarnellís class is performing their original musical tomorrow at 1:30 in the cafeteria and Mr. Silverís class is showing their stop motion animation movie Friday at 8:45, 10:30, and 11:00 in their room.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Not much to report from big fifth grade. We are getting stoked to go to Middle School! We had a blast at Outdoor School, learning all about our world through the field studies of water study, plant study, earth study, and wildlife study. Now that we've gone for a third year in a row, I do believe that makes it an official tradition. We were able to take hundreds of photos of the kids and students are creating flip books about their Outdoor School experience using the photographs, science journals, and notes they took when they were there. Thanks to the generosity of PTO, we were able to save some of our PTO grade-level funds to print about 15 photographs per student to use for their journals. Next week, we will be enjoying a slide show of our memory book photos and having pizza and ice cream in the cafeteria for a grade-level party. It's a great time of year to be in fifth grade!

### **Music News**

The last few weeks of school have been devoted to reviewing previous material.

Students are also choosing what they would like to do. Whether we are watching *Beethoven Lives Upstairs*, learning more Shona-style pieces on the xylophones, singing popular songs, creating movements to music or learning new dances, the kids are wrapping up the year in the music room in a fun way!

### **Choir News:**

The choir sang at Laurel Parc Assisted Living Facility in May. The residents were delighted with the performance. The kids sang beautifully, and I must say with an outstanding stage presence far beyond their years! Our final choir concert will be next Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Fourth graders were invited to come to Thursday rehearsals in May, and they will be joining us for a few songs. It will be a wonderful way to finish the year!

**New Business:** Next PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.