

LAVA RIDGE PTO

General Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2011

Board Members: Jen Phillips, President, Kristie Wild, Vice President, Kathleen Evans, Treasurer, Candace Tanaka, Secretary

Attendees: Jen Roberts, Kami Henry, Tiffany Heffernan, Gary Timms, Tasha McFarland, Jennifer Bell, Penny Fraker, Jen Davis, Shelly Rapp, Julie Hopkins

Jennifer Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Last General Meeting was January 4, 2011. Minutes were reviewed and there were no questions.

Principal's Report

Mr. Timms read a thank you to the PTO from the Stargazers, a group who participated in Trivia Night and really enjoyed it.

Lava Ridge now has a Smart Board computer in the computer lab, but need a cart to put it on so that teachers will be able to use it in their own classrooms. The cart is around \$600, and Mr. Timms requested that the PTO consider paying for this.

The sealant clinic that was held recently was a great success, with sealants placed on 18 children. They are requesting \$300 for this service, and Mr. Timms asked that the PTO consider making a contribution towards this amount.

It is testing season at Lava Ridge. Third, fourth, and fifth graders will have 3 opportunities to take the tests online between now and May 24th. There are new math standards that are being taught this year with higher cut scores needed to pass the test, therefore the scores are expected to decline everywhere in the state of Oregon. Mr. Timms would be happy to discuss this with parents who want more information or have questions.

Dibels testing will also be taking place in all grades, along with EZCBM math testing for first and second grades, and all day Kindergarten students. This testing will be done 3 times a year and helps to monitor student progress.

Writing testing will be finished for fourth grade by the end of February. Students get a writing prompt and are expected to do all the writing on their own, including editing. Last year 45% of Oregon students passed the writing test, at Lava Ridge 56% of fourth grade students passed.

Bubblegum day is Friday February 4th, with proceeds going to the Lava Ridge Sparrow. Wells Fargo will match what Lava Ridge students donate up to \$500.

Conferences will be held March 10th and 11th. School will be dismissed at 12:00 on March 9th so that teachers have time to prepare for conferences. Teacher prep time for conferences is shorter this year, 12 hours instead of 18, so parents can opt out of scheduling conferences if they are comfortable with this.

Trivia Night received positive feedback, about 90 people attended. Donations were received for prizes that were given out by Hoodoo, Jamba Juice, and Sun Mountain Fun Center.

Jen will be asking for volunteers for Carnival at Bingo Night, Carnival to take place 4/29 if there are coordinators found for games and volunteers.

Shelly Rapp gave a Bingo update. Baskets that still need some donations include Toddler, Sports, Dog's Life, Fishing, Auto, and Family Games. The raffle items include a Sisters Get Away, Hoodoo Family Ski package, Powder House gift card, Pamper Yourself.

Shelly needs help on Saturday at 1:00 to put baskets together. Flyers for Bingo Night were just handed out to the teachers.

Read-A-Thon update by Tasha McFarland: There will be a kick off of the Read-A-Thon on February 18, 2011, and it will take place February 28-March 11. Students will get pledges for the amount of time they spend reading at home. There are 3 goals, to garner enthusiasm for reading, strengthen skills, and fund raising for PTO. The Cat in the Hat will show up in the classrooms, there will be prizes including \$25 from Barnes and Noble, \$10 Sun Mountain Fun gift card, books. There will be an event each day of the first week of the Read-A-Thon.

Budget

Lava Ridge is the only school that provides Artist in Residence for each class.

Sally Foster-Update on the amount raised-\$912.55

Box Tops winners for January were the fifth graders, with a total of 1,090 Box Tops collected.

Classroom Representative Report

Mrs. Thompson has requested help from the PTO so that students in her classroom will be able to pay the cost of publishing a book they have written.

Fifth grade parents are looking into fund raising ideas and grants to raise money for the fifth grade field trip.

Mr. Burton's class now has a permanent substitute, her name is Mrs. Gotshall.

The second graders have a field trip to the High Desert coming up in March, and Family Math Night on Wednesday February 2nd.

Kami Henry has been helping with PTO tax issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30. The next PTO meeting will take place on March 1, 2011.

Minutes respectfully taken by:

Candace Tanaka, PTO Secretary

Approved by Jennifer Phillips, PTO President