

## **PTO Meeting Minutes 9-24-15**

**Officers present:** Lorie Coiner, President, Jen Rule, VP, Tianna Keegan, Treasurer, Wend Hutchens, Secretary.

**Members present:** see sign-in sheet

Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM by Lorie. She introduced and welcomed new PTO members.

### **Staff Reports:**

K (Hoiness)- said Kinders are getting into their new routine and thanked PTO for Starfall and Scholastic News, will be going to the Fire Station in October. Working on wall art.

1<sup>st</sup> grade- (Kennedy)- Getting into new reading curriculum, field trip planned to Shevlin Park in October.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade( Winslow, Burks, Caswell)- New reading curriculum seems challenging and well designed. Beginning Lucy Calkins writing curriculum. Bringing Tree Lady in November.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade- (Ketner)- Some challenges with the iPad as it interfaces with the new reading curriculum. Advantages- can easily differentiate reading levels. Will be visiting 2<sup>nd</sup> street theatre for James and the Giant Peach. Using STEM activities for Science.

4<sup>th</sup> grade- (Curfew)- Working on reading curriculum, math facts, building stamina in writing. Science rotations begin Monday. Working on Rainbow Valley Art.

Reminded everyone of Pappy's fundraiser on 10-13-15, will need to bring in the flyer for fundraiser.

5<sup>th</sup> (Kingrey)- Collaborative Conversations starting in academic subjects. Field trip: Leadership Day- either canoeing (will need canoes) or Smith Rock. Will go to the Science Station for Science Day.

**Bylaws-** Jen read the Bylaws out loud. There were no questions.

**Budget-** Tianna showed the budget and reviewed the budget line by line. There were no questions.

**Upcoming PTO Funded Activities-** Drum guy (Dale Largent) at Assembly on Fri, 9-25 and will be in music all next week.

Movie night choices: Minion Movie, Inside Out, or Pixels. Discussion about movies was that Pixels isn't appropriate for all grades, Inside Out has a good message.

Running Club- started Tuesday, volunteers are running it by stamping cards, etc. Still need more volunteers for Thursdays.

**PTO Fundraisers-** Target Redcard is ending at the end of the school year, but more could sign up to help the school (only 50 LR families signed up)

Esript is also ending in the Spring, Lorie reminded us that we are looking for more similar fundraisers. To sign up for Esript, go to the website and sign up for LR money at Safeway, restaurants, etc.

AMAZON SMILE- new fundraiser, all families and extended families encouraged to sign up, Gary reminded us that there will be a reminder for this in the school newsletter.

Bingo Night- Jen is the contact person.

Scholastic Book Fair will be Nov. 16, they will be needing volunteers.

Principal Report- Mr. DeFrang thanked the PTO for helping the school, said he is honored to serve the school with dedicated teachers and a great school.

Mr. DeFrang addressed communication- bi-monthly newsletters, webpage, FB page, reminded everyone that their schoolwide email should be up to date.

**Other events and Announcements-**

Picture Day 9/29

Conferences are Oct 28/ 29 (last 2 calendar days).

Volunteers- it is important to sign in every time, re: Gary

Bracelets- 5<sup>th</sup> graders can sell bracelets before school on Fridays, details to come. Selling in front of the school was discussed, but safety will need to be addressed.

Green Team (Ketner)- Open to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> graders. School is up for re-evaluation as a Green School. Meet Weds at lunch time with Mrs. Ketner.

Bend Parks& Rec seeking input regarding Rock Ridge park- safe crossing zones, parking needed, ect. Contact them through the Bend Parks and Rec website.

Question came up- What is the school focus? Academics, Love of Learning: Fun, Future-Ready, etc.

**New President-** Lorie announced that a new PTO president will be needed beginning January, since Lorie will be moving. Let Lorie know if interested or questions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.