

3 October 2006

Minutes – General PTSA Board Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:03

Minutes from 9/12 meeting were approved.

Presidents' Report – Julie Horton & Hallie Knudson

Important Dates

- 10/5 – PTA & the Law seminar. All members of Executive Committee are signed up. The class runs from 6 pm. to 9 pm., and anyone carpooling can meet at the school beforehand.
- 10/23 – Mrs. Fish has planned a literacy workshop for parents, to explain the literacy program. After some discussion it was agreed that for the first class, an evening time-slot would be the most accommodating. It was suggested that perhaps an afternoon class could be offered at a later date. There will be child care offered, and Mrs. Fish plans to include a tour of the level book room, tips on helping students at home, and a Glossary of terms for parents to take home.

Kent Area Council Update

Hallie told the board that there are many positions still open for officers and on committees for the Kent Area Council. They have asked for help specifically with their Cinderella Project program and the Clothing Bank. At their last meeting they had breakout sessions on both the Reflections program and legislation. The next KAC meeting is Oct. 23.

Silent Auction

Julie reported that the Silent Auction went very well this year, with a bit over \$1400 raised so far. There are still some birthday board spaces available.

Website

Julie spoke for Scott A, and reminded the board that all communication sent home should advertise the CCPTSA website. Also, any committee-related items, forms, links, etc., can be sent to Scott via email, and he will post them on the website.

Membership – Chris Keenan

- Chris reported that we have 196 members as of the end of September. We had 248 total last year. Our goal is 460, which would be 1 for every student in the school. Some board members still need to sign up. Our membership money needs to be turned in at the KAC meeting this month, on Oct. 23rd.
- Chris also requested an increase in the membership budget of \$250 to cover postage costs and a pizza party, which is to be a prize for the class with the highest participation in PTA membership. This was agreed to by general assent.
- Rob N suggested looking into having some membership envelopes printed with different languages, in case some of the parents are not understanding what the envelopes are for. Mrs. Wick said that the office has some fliers that can be attached to anything being sent home, indicating in several languages the importance of a particular handout. It was agreed to try that for now.

Fundraising Report – Jennifer Stone

The Innbrook fundraiser envelopes were due last Thursday. The budget called for selling \$16,000 worth of products. As of Tuesday morning, our total is just over \$26,000. This does not include Internet sales or a few orders that have not been processed yet.

Programs Report – Patrice Baber & Liz DeSmith

- Silent Auction & Dance – Went well, as Julie mentioned. The Dance was a success, the DJ was a hit. We sold all the pizza and ice cream, and nearly all the pop.
- Patrice discussed the Veterans' Day assembly with Mrs. Wick (Nov. 9). Hallie spoke with someone at Fort Lewis about possibly sending some letters to soldiers in Iraq. Patrice is looking for members of the

Army, Marines, & Coast Guard to suit up in their uniforms and maybe say a few words to the kids. She plans to send a flier home.

- Liz found someone to do a science-oriented assembly to help increase interest & enthusiasm for the science fair. He called himself the “teaching toymaker” and does one assembly called the “Gears of Invention.” The board agreed this would be a good choice for a December or January show.
- The first General Membership meeting for the school year was scheduled for Dec. 14th. In order to use the Reflections awards as a draw, it was decided to change the date to Nov. 30th, as the award-winning entries have to be moved by Dec. 2nd.
- The board discussed possibilities for entertainment for the membership meeting on March 8th. We agreed to hire the Reptile Man to come and do 2 assemblies – one in the afternoon for the students, and another in the evening right after the meeting.
- Math Incentive – Liz got some information from Chris D. on a math incentive program that was developed for another elementary school.

Business – Julie H.

- Chris Keenan moved, and Hallie Knudson seconded, that we donate \$100 to the KAC's Cinderella Project. The motion was passed.
- Hallie Knudson moved, and Chris Davies seconded, that we donate \$100 to the KAC Clothing Bank. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report & Boundary Review– Chris Davies

- Chris D. reviewed the active budget lines for the month of September. Our current balance as of 9/30 was \$24,140. The Financial report was approved by the board.
- The Boundary Review committee has not yet seen any scenarios; they should have them by the end of this month. No decisions have been made yet. The main focus will be on 3 areas: 1) The loss of Sequoia Middle School, and where to put the 500 students attending there, 2) The construction at Panther Lake Elementary, and whether to move the students during the process or try to keep them on the site, and 3) The imbalance between the elementary schools, both in terms of capacity and programs.

Legislative Update – Rob North

- The legislative assembly will be 10/14 & 10/15, in Yakima.
- Surveys have been sent out. We have not gotten as many back as last year, yet.
- Initiative 920 will be on the ballot in November.

Principal's Report – Susanne Wick

- As of Sept. 30, Carriage Crest has 457 students, which is 28 over projections.
- Oct 10 – A state-requested “Healthy Youth” survey will be given to the 6th-graders.
- Oct. 13 – Optional workshop day for teachers, No School.
- Oct. 18 – Early Release day, Staff Development.
- Very few people attended the LIT meeting last week. Another meeting is planned to discuss WASL scores with parents before the next board meeting in November.
- Coyote Job Corps applications are due on Friday.
- Oct 25 – 100% me drug-free assembly.
- Oct 26 – Picture Day
- Oct 27 – 6th-grade fundraiser dinner
- Nov. 2 – End of 1st Trimester.

Teacher Report – D. Jasman

- Ms. Jasman will speak to the teachers regarding membership in PTA. Teachers must be members in order to receive their \$100 reimbursement for classroom expenses.
- Dad Volunteer Day? - plan to discuss dates for Fall and Spring at tomorrow's staff meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.