

6 February 2007

## Minutes – General PTSA Board Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:02

Minutes from 1/9 meeting were approved as written.

### **Presidents' Report** – Julie Horton

- Howler/Website reminder: Julie asked the board members to forward as much information as possible to Scott for the website. The next Howler deadline is this Friday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, instead of the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Emergency Preparedness: Thanks to everyone who helped clean out the school container on Saturday (2/3/07).
- Calendar
  - 3/6 – Next board meeting
  - 3/8 – General Membership meeting. Main business will be to elect officers for next year. The Reptile man has been scheduled for a daytime assembly that day, and for a second performance in the evening following the meeting.
  - 5/4 – 5/6 – State PTSA Convention. Anyone who wants to attend, should. This is included in our budget every year.
  - 5/11 – Walk-a-thon
  - 6/1 – Family Fun Night
  - A date for the spring Dad Volunteer Day needs to be set
  - Kathy Sawrey is going to set a date for the Variety Show, but is going to talk to Mrs. Wick first.

### **Kent Area Council Update** – Hallie Knudson

- Hallie told the board that a report was handed out at the KAC meeting which showed that the KSD receives \$850 less per child each year from the state. There will be a special march in Olympia on the 15<sup>th</sup> – focus day.
- The Cinderella Project is having trouble raising money. There are committee positions open.
- Reflections – a couple of Carriage Crest students are advancing to the Region 9 level. The State level will be on display at the convention in May.

### **Programs Report** – Liz DeSmith

- 160 students are already signed up for the math maniac program. There are others not counted yet. 20 people have volunteered to help. Packets should go out to students on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The packets will be given to teachers this week, to look over & give feedback as to appropriate starting points for each grade level.
- Mrs. Jasman requested 1 full set of packets for each grade level, to hand out at tomorrow's teacher meeting.
- 3 packets had to be redeveloped, as they were missing, which is one reason things have been delayed.
- Posters still need to be made for each wing, to track packets returned.
- The program should run through May. 1 reward suggested for participants is a free half-hour on the bouncy toys (like we get for Family Fun Night). We need some ideas for motivating the upper grades.

### **Fundraising** – Jennifer Stone

- The fundraising team wants to try to put together class baskets and set up a sale for Family Fun Night. This will be a good test for possibly doing an auction next year.
- Natalie Fowler will be taking over the escript / WA Mu / etc for next year.
- Maria Long said she is willing to continue doing soup labels.
- A procurement committee is being formed. Some who have offered to help are Natalie Bonham, Barb Arrowsmith, & Kristie Callia
- We want to emphasize fitness at this year's walk-a-thon. Instead of passing out licorice and popcorn, looking at handing out apples and other healthy treats. Possibly getting a pedometer for each of the kids?

- Planning on doing Innisbrook again in the fall. One idea is to do a competition between the three Fairwood schools – Fairwood, Ridgewood, and Carriage Crest.
- Still looking for someone to do the birthday board.

#### **Treasurer's Report & Boundary Review**– Chris Davies

- January month-end balance was ~\$39,300. The financial report was approved as presented by the board.
- The Boundary Review committee still has not looked at Elementary School boundaries. The Kentwood / Kentlake HS boundary has provoked controversy and is taking extra time.

#### **Teacher's Report** – D. Jasman

- The budget guidelines from Julie H. look very helpful.
- DJ requested that the board re-allocate field trip funds to give a per-student option as well as per grade level, as the distribution of students from one grade to the next varies drastically (2<sup>nd</sup> grade = 100 kids, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade = 40 kids).

#### **Other Committees**

- **Science Fair** – Heidi DuPuis. Coming up on Thursday. Heidi told the board that they need help tearing down tables after the Open House. They expect around 65-70 entries.
- **Spirit Sales** – Chris Keenan. This is the last month for orders. Also, orders for the plant sale are due by Feb. 23.
- **Clothing Bank** – Jen DeSanto. Our turn in charge of the clothing bank is Feb. 22 – March 9. The Bank is low right now. We are in charge of school supplies and socks, but they will take anything.

**Other Business** – Chris Keenan told the board that our unit meets the standards required to meet the Standard of Excellence for WA PTA. She plans to submit the paperwork so we can be recognized this year at the State convention.

Mtg adjourned at 8:30 by Julie H.