

PTSA GENERAL MEETING

April 13, 2011

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Melissa Marts called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the library

BUDGET REPORT

Leslie Anderson gave a budget report. The balance in our checking account is 29,266.64. Leslie said that the budget committee has not met yet. We are waiting to see who the new board will be. They will need to meet soon so that there will be an approved budget that can be used over the summer. Leslie handed out a budget form for people to make suggestions on the budget for next year. Melissa Marts also asked for any volunteers for the budget committee.

GRANT VOTES

We voted on the 2 grants that were presented at the general meeting in March. The first grant from Karen Rautenberg was for the classroom clickers. The total grant request was for \$670.25. Clare Gates motioned to approve the grant and Sue Ambs seconded the motion. Melissa Marts called for a vote and the motion passed. The second grant was from Ann Brown for 4 magazine subscriptions for "Imagine Learning English" to use in the learning lab. The total grant requested was for \$280.00. Gary Bass motioned to approve the grant and Jody Siquiveland seconded the motion. Melissa Marts called for a vote and the motion passed.

Copies of the grant request are attached.

ASB UPDATE

Audrey Bass gave an ASB update. The next Spirit Day is Hippie Day on May 12th. Audrey told us of a problem they were having with the juice pouch recycling project. The problem is that they have to pay about \$40 to ship the pouches to the company. This is about the same amount of money they raise from the project for the Leukemia Foundation. They are not sure if makes sense to continue the project. They are looking into some solutions such as are there any local companies that do the same things, combining with another school to share the shipping costs, or seeing if there is a local company that would sponsor them and pay for the shipping.

SCIENCE DAY UPDATE

Science Day was a great success. Bob Shepard gave a slideshow of Science Day. A big thank you to Sharon Knechtel for all of her hard work. Bob and Sharon met every week this year to plan this great event. Another thank you to Kirk Siquiveland for filling in as a presented when some did not show up. Next year is art day. A suggestion was made to have an Art Docent instead. Jack Sackett says that the staff support an Art Docent program.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There have not been any volunteers for next years PTA board. Slaone Scott is trying to encourage co-chairs.

CPC REPORT

Julia Veysey gave a CPC update. CPC is looking into how to support both Hi-cap programs and bring kids up to standard. Cedar Valley has the lowest MSP scores in the district. We are still waiting on the state budget to find out the total cuts in funding. One option the state is looking at is to reducing the number of days in the school calendar. The district would have to figure out how to keep professional development days if the state cuts the funding.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Jack Sackett gave a school update. Enrollment for next year is expected to go down and the state is most likely cutting the K-4 enhancement. This has led to us losing 3 teachers (2 FTE) for next year. Those teachers are Hart, Morales and Edwards. MSP will take place 5/2 through 5/19. Students will be tested in reading, writing, math and science. Jack asked that we help the kids prepare for the test with a good breakfast and lots of sleep. The teachers are still working on the school improvement plan with grade level meetings focusing on math, reading and social/behavioral issues. Jack also let us know that the next district budget meeting is Wednesday April 20th at Edmonds Woodway High School

SPECIAL SPEAKER CINDY SACKETT CHASE LAKE PTA

Cindy Sackett came to speak with us about their donation drive fundraiser they had at Chase Lake. Because of the changes in the fundraising guidelines schools in the Edmonds school district will no longer be able to run a jog-a-thon. Chase Lake ran a donation drive which ended on the same day they had a Dolphin Dash fun run. They no longer had per lap pledges, but still counted laps for awards for the fun run. PTA members collected the donations directly from the students. The teachers were able to help because they are also PTA members. Their collections were down about 20%.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.