minutes

Trillium Creek Primary School General PTA Meeting

Date | time 10/18/2017 9:02 AM | Meeting called by Stephanie Gettel

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* **Call to Order**
	+ Attendance sheet was passed around and signed by those in attendance. A hard copy is attached to this month’s minutes and an electronic copy has also been filed in Dropbox
* Approval of minutes for meeting held on 9/6/2017
	+ Motion to approve minutes from 9/6 from Suzanne Tye , Shannon Hildenbrand seconded – motion passed
* Reports of PTA Board
	+ President Report – Stephanie Gettel
* WCF update
	+ New chairs – Allison Reid and Kirsten Wyatt
	+ 12-6 – early release day
	+ Cost is same at $20 per child, 200 kids, up from 160, less crafts and more organization
	+ Kids will take home 5 crafts, one will be donated to assisted living home
	+ More information to follow regarding sign ups for students and volunteers
* Mathnasium night – looking into offering this Winter
	+ Mathnasium hosting our math night
	+ Focus on fun, not getting clients – sponsorship will be evident
	+ Likely will be Jan/Feb
	+ Stephanie will learn more about the activities, games, etc.
	+ Will be a good counterpart to our OMSI night (Science)
* Art Lit extra supplies
	+ After the Frida Kahlo project is over, Shannon will keep items we can re-use, but with the supplies we won’t need, she’ll donate them to Holcom School in Oregon City (still part of Clackamas County PTA)
	+ Treasurer Report – Nicole Alexander/Mary Emerick
		- Bulletin board shows where PTA has spent funds – drums, books
		- Corporate match
			* Goal of 10,000
			* Currently at $716.94, but anticipate total to increase
			* Nicole and Dawn want to reach out to people to see if they need help seeking corporate matches
		- Jen Hill – present audit summary
			* Mini audits done every month
				+ When asking if there are outstanding checks it is currently a y/n option – Jen would like them to be listed
				+ We need to encourage parents to cash checks as soon as possible
* Do a separate transaction for school purchases, and don’t include extra paper
* Do we need original receipts? – maybe we can put several receipts on one piece of paper and copy it - goal is streamlining and using less paper
* Nicole will check with Oregon PTA about original receipts
* Treasurers can also help combine receipts and streamline paperwork
* Need to add Jen’s suggestions to a reimbursement protocol that can be more widely distributed
* Jen needs someone to shadow her next year, as that will be her final year at TCPS
	+ Vice President – Beth Schreck
		- Forest Flyer update
			* Kids having fun and enjoying the new scanning technology
			* Kids are wanting to know how many laps they’ve run, but numbers will be posted near the classroom
	+ Vice President – Christy Riehm
		- Volunteer/teacher highlights
			* Seeking to highlight volunteers or teachers who’ve been working with PTA
			* Goal is to encourage others to become involved
			* Seeking help from chairs or other volunteers in identifying people deserving special recognition
		- Directory
			* Will be printed this Friday – turn around is one week, then volunteers will be sought to help distribute
	+ Secretary – Alina Egland
		- Update on good standing items
			* On track to have everything submitted to Oregon PTA by Nov 30th
* Committee/Project Chair Report
	+ Annual Fund – Dawn Walters
		- $26,724 – up 14% from last year (and not finished yet)
	+ Harvest Happenings –Danielle Erikson
		- Still in need of volunteers
		- Pizza order can go in as late as Wednesday (pizza dough is made by hand)
		- Water will come from emergency shed (but will need replenished)
		- DJ, photobooth, and magician (Louis Fox – was on AGT) all booked
		- Need to revisit using the Music Room for the magic show – Mr. Mangan will check in with Mrs. Myers
		- Potentially the magician would offer 20 minute shows…parent volunteers would shuffle kids in/out. Maybe 30 kids per show? Depending upon what the risers will accommodate
		- For middle school students interested in volunteering – need to create accounts in HelpCounter
	+ Costume Swap – Charity Hudnut
		- Thursday – 1:30-3:30
		- Part of our “green school” certification
		- Program adopted by nearby schools – Bolton and Cedar Oak
		- Sign ups available for students who ride the
		- Charity will check with Dina about students in need, and will add them to the “buy” list at no cost
		- Professional pumpkin carver and painted pumpkins (painted pumpkins will be for sale with $ going to the PTA
	+ Community Rewards – April Buttson
		- Contest ends this Friday – 10-20
		- Minion theme and banana split party has been popular
		- 5,800 collected box tops, with more rolling in
		- Many classes are close – 2nd and 3rd place parties as well (maybe popsicles?)
	+ Staff Appreciation – Alina Egland to summarize conference dinner event
		- SAW staying within budget
		- Food was good and appreciated
	+ Yearbook – Suzanne Tye will propose money for yearbook
		- Wrap around cover for yearbook – using throwback image to celebrate inaugural class graduating
		- $300 to photographer to take the all-school photo and large print
		- Suzanne Tye proposing budget increase from $0 to $325 for yearbook
		- Yearbook currently under budge $345
* Old Business
	+ Vote for Forest Flyers additional funding
		- Money to come from general fund – unallocated funds (currently around $30,000)
		- Shannon motions to increase FF budget by $900 to 2500 from 1600, Suzanne Tye seconded, motioned passed
* New Business
	+ Charity Hudnut is seeking pumpkin seeds from other farms to give back to the farm that donates the pumpkins for TCPS students to paint.
		- Put donated seeds in baggy and drop them off at Charity’s house – she will get them to the farm
* Charity noted how successful the Earth Art Ag program is so far – Kindergarteners are having fun, load is lightened for teachers
* Tomorrow is seed collection for K classes– begins in the classroom and then moves outside
* One rule is “Don’t yuck my yum” – goal is to not deter other kids from trying new foods
* Kate Donegan is working with 4th and 5th grade leadership to help take care of the garden
* Mr. Mangan is going to make a yard debris bin happen – something that’s been needed for some time
* Principal and Staff Report
	+ Mr. Mangan
		- Appreciates the beautiful, art-filled campus
		- Gave a “shout out” to Forest Flyers
			* Wanting to collect data regarding student focus and behavior on FF days
			* Notices how much fun the kids are having, and helps to foster bonds between principal and students
* Looking forward to Harvest Happening (and dressing up!)
* Still learning the culture here at TCPS
* Math – ELA – Climate Culture teams
	+ Will share initiatives at next meeting
	+ Teacher Representative – Ms. Teel
		- Expressed thanks for new garden program – has taken a weight off of teachers
		- Expressed thanks for the conference dinner
		- Expressed thanks for $1,000 grade level grants – Lindsay Riley says thanks for not forgetting the library
		- Teachers love the art – Art Lit, as well as murals, etc.
		- Stephanie suggested hat perhaps teachers can incorporate references to Ghana in classroom learning to celebrate the new African Drums when they arrive at the school
* Guest Speakers/ Acknowledgements/Announcements
	+ Pam Pearce – Community Living Above
		- Substance Abuse Disorder – preventable disease
		- Educating parents, talking about it to kids
		- In process of opening first recovery HS in state of Oregon
		- Promoting a community forum speaker event from 6:30-8:30pm 10-19 at WLHS
			* DEA agent, child psychiatrist MD from OHSU, WLPD will speak at event
		- Message is to delay age of first drink – claims if delayed to age 21 the risk of substance abuse disease is below 90%
		- Additional event 10-26 in Oregon City regarding teen drug use
		- Less than 10% of children use drugs and alcohol, but students feel like this is much more prevalent…let them know it’s not
* Adjournment
	+ Adjourned at 10:10