

**Redmond Junior High PTSA
Unit 2.8.80
General Membership Meeting
January 26, 2010**

Call to Order: President Lisa Schildt called the meeting to order at 7:01pm in the Redmond Junior High library. The required quorum was present.

Minutes: Minutes from the Sept 29th, 2009 and Nov 17th, 2009 meeting were approved with the required quorum. Motion by ShelleyFlores to approve minutes as written, motion seconded by Claire Ronnenburg. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

In prior meetings we discussed mini-grants. Carrie reached out to committee members to see who had extra money. We raised more with pass-the-hat, so we need to reallocate that money. In the Treasurers report, there is a proposal to reallocate money to the academics special projects fund. (See treasurer's report for details).

Add \$2340 to special projects fund to fund mini-grants.

Motion by Shelley Flores moves to approve the budget as written and the reallocation proposal, seconded by Byron Shutz, motion was approved.

Audit Report Lorinda Mallonee talked about the financial guidelines check-list (which were distributed at the meeting), and that the audit committee met on Saturday, and did not find any irregularities. The committee recommends including cross-reference notes on bank deposits and checks to make the audit process easier. Audit was completed January 23rd, 2010. Motion by Byron Shutz to accept the Jan 23rd 2010 financial review checklist made for the Redmond Junior High PTSA, seconded by Shelley Flores, motion approved.

Mini Grants

Lisa presented the proposed mini-grant requests (see report for details):

- Practice combination locks, requested by Vice Principal Sean Cassidy
- 2-Way Radios to replace old radios, requested by Carol Underwood
- Band percussion replacements, Don Furness
- Megaphones for Grade 7 U.S. History, Darin Detwiler
- "Forbidden City" novels for Grade 9 World History, Trish Thommassen
- "Socially Curious, and Curiously Social" books for Special Needs autism class

Carrie asked if there was any reason we would not this as requested. Shelley asked about where we were with scholarships, and if we needed more money allocated for scholarships. Lisa responded that we were doing okay with scholarships and that we had more money coming through various

Motion to approve mini-grants as presented by Mary Bourguignon, seconded by Carrie Cassanass. Motion approved.

Nominating Committee

Mary Bourguignon, Elizabeth Hansford, Becky Latt

Byron motions to accept stated candidates for the nominating committee. Shelley Flores seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Principals Report

Chip Kimball came out this week to visit our faculty. Having these visits does some great accountability building in tough times. He's an articulate leader, and has clarity on issues. RJH staff feels that he wants to hear whats going on in the trenches. Budget is on the top of everyone's minds. Everyone is nervous, about what cuts will need to be made in the next year. 7.5 million dollars out of the LWSD budget.

As we make the change in semesters something happens. As a result of our commitment to team teaching at 7th and 8th. We have to be creative about how we place students in their electives. This school has a greater percentage of students that have a change in their schedule. Sometimes the kids end-up crossing over to a teacher on another team.

We had our first food fan fair in our lunch with the kids. Participation from the community was good. Continuing the theme of 60 min of exercise, making wise choices for food. Would like to see changes in our cafeteria process; we sell way too much pizza here. He'd like to see the trend change.

Office Corson may arrive to talk about the anti-bullying initiative. Tentatively looking at a kick-off event in early November. Jackie Koons who comes from Inglewood Junior High is involved to help with the transition. Pushing culturing awareness is important to him. Looking at planning an International festival. Last year we had a number of students from Kenya. They were here to see our computers, and classrooms. Looking at having some kids go to Kenya to see how their school system works.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Advocacy: Byron Shutz Washington State PTA hosts two legislative events. Educational funding has been the top issue for the past two years. The focus day event when people go to Olympia to advocate at a public rally to bring attention to the legislative issues. PTA partners with other coalitions here in the state. We had about 1,000 people show up this year. It is generally true that people make a difference in our world. Legislatures noticed when parents show up, and are in the halls to advocate for legislative issues.

The issues this year are all around budget. This year we need to cut 3 billion out of the Washington State Education budget, with 7.5 million out of the LWSU budget. This time is going to be a painful cut that will affect classroom sizes and staffing. We will continue to do a great job with the funds that we have.

We have two renewal levies EP&O (Education Programs and Operations), Capitol Levy (transportation), Bond for funding transition to a 4-year high-school program. Lower pressure in classrooms by having 2012-2013 4-year high school in place.

Byron moved that General Membership of the RJH PTSA approve these three measures. Shelley Flores seconds the motion. Motion approved.

If you want to personally endorse the levies, you can send a mail to Wendy Dejong on the Levy committee.

Fundraising report

We have received \$61 in the first quarter from our 10% rebate at Everything Party.

Committee Meeting Reports

ASB Volunteers: Lisa reported: handed out schedules, ASB dance is next.

Parent Education: Joanne Hall

Staff Appreciation: Heather Brown reported that we had a good Italian in December, and are doing the Olympics in February. We also starting to plan for Teacher Appreciation in May, where we will be doing different themes based on the school subjects.

Bear Tracks Weekly: Mary Bourguignon reported that links to the levy information is on Bear Tracks weekly. Also subscriptions for incoming 6th graders are going to be opening up this month.

Bear Tracks Newsletter: Lisa reported for Diana Wagner that we have \$33 dollars for print Bear Tracks Newsletter. All others are online.

Membership: No more than 541, but received our silver membership meaning we increased 5% over previous years. Shelley will be there for membership for

Drama Report: 35 students tried out today, 8 more plus dance auditions tomorrow. 43 students acting, plus the production team. Parent meeting last week, and all positions are filled. Royalties are only going to be \$250 and we budgeted for \$1000.

Emergency Prep: Lisa reported that progress is being made on books for safety procedures, safety door in the Commons, and backpacks for the Emergency equipment.

Hospitality: Feb 9th Family math night, Feb 23rd 6th grade family night. Shelley asked if we are going to do hospitality for 8th grade parent night.

Grizzly Grams: 163 mailed with 15 teachers participating.

Reflections: RJH received 8 awards, and 4 students are going onto the state level.

New Business: Shelley brought to our attention Ken Wong who has been chosen to be presented with the Community Service Award for the Lake Washington PTSA Council.

Board meeting on Feb 23rd, March 16th general membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm

submitted by
Heather Brown
Secretary , RJH PTSA 2009 -2010