**Athey Creek Middle School PTSA**

**Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, February 3, 2015**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by Saleen Chenevert

Welcome/Introductions: Quorum established with 12 members in attendance.

**Principals Report: *(Kathy Gregg for Joel Sebastian)***

- Joel not here today as he was helping with the interviews for West Linn High School’s Principal.

- Athey Creek student’s Korean trip coming up over Spring Break, including Joel.

- In May, we’re having Minnijean Brown come to speak to the kids.

- Outdoor school, yes, the teams are going to separate camps only because there wasn’t one camp that could accommodate all of the kids together. ESD is running the program, teachers are along as chaperones/helpers. Both camps are at the beach and are happening the week after spring break.

- Training and working with teachers to enable them to conduct the Smarter Balance OAKS testing in April/May. They are working with the kids so they know what to expect on the tests.

- New books for Language Arts with diverse cultural issues in all grades.

- MAPS testing coming up the 1st week in February in Math/Reading. This is a formative assessment can be done in one class period. Now we have a test to compare as the kids did this in the Fall. They will be looking at class reports, and there are many kinds of reports they have access to.

- Early Release tomorrow for the kids, the teachers will be doing collaborative team meetings looking at what is working, are the kids getting it? How do we know they get it?

- Request came up to have all teachers look at the schedule of all activities before setting times for tests. Several times there has been a big test and there was a band concert or a big activity the night before.

**Presidents Report: *(Saleen Chenevert****)*

- I experienced a moment where people were glad to see me come & were so thankful for my participation as a judge. It made me think of all of you and how much I appreciate all you do for our school & our kids. Huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers!

- Reader board sign – The sign will be shipped on February 9 from Alabama, so will be here in about a week. The District will then begin the installation.

- In the first part of May, Minnijean Brown, one of the Little Rock 9, will be here to speak. All the grades are reading books about cultural and/or social injustice in Language Arts to prepare for her talk.

- Garage Sale: We were so grateful for a donation of a supply of boxes! Thank You! We also had another 40’ container dropped next to the first one for more storage. We will be needing a constant supply of tape!

**Treasurer Report*: (Lola Skates) reported by Saleen Chenevert.***

- Briefly looked at the numbers in the bank account. We will have $10,709.42 after all expenses. We try to keep about $5,000 in the account at the end of the year, so we have a little to think about how we want to spend.

- It’s our students turn to go to Korea, so Joel is requesting $1120 for the cost of the Bullet train, do we agree to spend it? We gave them $1000 last year for it. It was in agreement that it was okay to spend that.

**Committee Reports**:

**Membership**: (Joanne Masters)

She is writing the tax receipts now, so look for them in the mail.

**TASA/Closet**: (Margaret Koch)

The closet is FABULOUS and can be organized whenever we have time. The next TASA is February 18 with an Al Fresco Vegetarian theme.

**Garage Sale: *(Saleen Chenevert)***

- The second 40’ container is arriving today. The PE teachers are letting us use a storage room behind the gym for the bags of clothes. We’re thinking one container for all the boxes and 1 for all the large bulky items, furniture/bikes, etc. We’re also adding some Saturday drop-offs, first one is February 21 from 9-10:30 am. The next drop will be March 14 and we will set a time when we see how the Feb. Saturday drop went.

**Student Store *(Shari Winters*)**

It is stocked and going well. We have added baked chips and the Yum Earth Lollypops are going quickly. So far, we have $3,300 in expenses.

**Winter Dance (Saleen for Allie)**

Almost 200 kids came, and this looked like it was our biggest attendance. The gym was accidentally not reserved and was not available, so we used the library area which turned out to be a good thing as an alternative “hang out” place. The volunteers did a great job of floating as needed. This was a big experience for the Korean kids as they don’t do dances at their schools. We had $1300, spent $683 and have a balance of $430.

**Eighth Grade Party/Dance: (Saleen)**

Two eighth grade parents have volunteered to lead this, Courtney Kennedy & Susanne Nelson. It is scheduled for June 10, the Wednesday before graduation. They are looking into having the yearbooks handed out as part of the celebration, so the kids have time to have friends sign their books. Last year they did a watermelon eating contest. We have been asked for a budget to help them do this, so we have $1343 profits from the two dances to start with and agreed to consider a request if they need more money.

**Community Reports:**

**Education Foundation: *(Jim Kamikawa & Elaine Cozart)***

Elaine Cozart reported that 1/3 of the tickets are sold already. They have asked for more tickets. Soul’d Out will be performing the National Anthem! This is Saturday, April 4. Tickets are selling through March 2, 2015.

New Business:

None to report at this meeting.

Upcoming Dates:

2/4: Early Release at 1:45 pm

2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25: Garage Sale Drop offs (8-9:30 am)

2/6: Jazz Café, this Friday night!

2/16: No School

2/18: TASA – Al Fresco Vegetarian Luncheon

2/21: Saturday Garage Sale Drop-off from 9-10:30 am

**Adjourn**: Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

Want to continue the discussion or join a committee that presented today? Here is contact information for the presenters:

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Attachment A: Sign-In Sheet

Attachment B: Treasurers Report

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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