

**Athey Creek Middle School PTSA General Meeting Minutes
for Friday, April 7, 2017**

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 9:33 a.m. by President Jennifer Tabor Quorum
established with 12 members in attendance
Meeting held in the staff lunchroom at Athey Creek

Thank you to all who attended!

Welcome and Introductions (*Jennifer Tabor*)

PTSA President Jennifer Tabor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Guest Speakers (*Jennifer Tabor*)

Jennifer welcomed three guest speakers, all running for the WLWV School Board. Regan Molatore is the incumbent, an attorney with four years' experience on the board. Grady Nelson is a past PTSA president from Boeckman Creek PS and a retired law enforcement officer. Trey Maust is a financial planner who has served on the district's bond oversight and long range planning committees. The three candidates explained that in a time of financial uncertainty such as the WLWV district is facing, they feel they are the best candidates to take on the current challenge. PTSA members in attendance thanked the three candidates for speaking at our meeting.

Principal's Report (*Joel Sebastian*)

Joel expressed his opinion that WLWV schools are well situated to handle downturns in the economy, thanks to the school bond and levy that supplement general funding from the state. He explained that the district will not accept students from outside the district and said that no reductions are expected this year but that there is a challenge associated with opening a new middle school. All forms are in for enrollment next year, without about 600 students expected at Athey next year. Jane asked if the new middle school had any needs that Athey's PTSA could help meet; Joel said he would check and report back.

Assessments are expected to start soon, with one assessment one day per week, for a total of five (2 English/Language Arts, 2 math, 1 science). The preference is to space them out, with good feedback last year from both students and parents.

The year end celebrations are complicated. Every student is expected to attend every day. There will be no "skip" day for 8th graders. Plans are taking into account primary schools' events.

Approval of the minutes (*Jennifer Tabor*)

With Kate leaving early for a work commitment, Jennifer asked for comments on the minutes from the March meeting. Minutes were delivered via email to attendees of that meeting, and corrections were made as requested. Copies were made available to today's attendees, with time given for review. Melissa Juenger moved for approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous approval. April minutes will be distributed to attendees and approved at the May meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report (*Jennifer Tabor*)

Jennifer Tabor reported that teacher grant requests were put out on March 13 and requested back by April 28. Some have been received already. A committee is needed to plan for the PTSA 2017-18 school year. Attendees were asked to reach out to families they know in sixth and seventh grades.

Co-Vice Presidents' Report (*Jen Drew*)

Planning for the planned spring social is still underway. Dates are being considered for late May or early June, with Sunday late afternoons preferred.

Secretary's Report (*Jennifer Tabor*)

With Kate absent, Jennifer asked the group to be sure to use the sign-in sheet. It was determined that Kate had taken it with her.

Treasurer's Report (*Jennifer Tabor*)

With Lola absent, Jennifer reported that PTSA is still correcting some errors on the budget form and she expects to have that completed soon.

Membership Report (*Melissa Juenger*)

Melissa had no update.

Volunteer Coordinator (*Jennifer Tabor*)

With Bobbi absent, Jennifer reminded the group about upcoming events: TASA and the spring dance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TASA (*Jennifer Tabor*)

Jennifer delivered a report for TASA Chairwoman Rachel Stevenson. The next TASA is next week and will have a soup and salad theme.

Student Store (*Shari Winters*)

Shari said that sales had been quiet this week, with 6th graders off to outdoor school.

Garage Sale (*Saleen Chenevert*)

Saleen said setup will begin April 26 and finish on the 28th. PE teachers Chris Berg and Sarah Bray are being very helpful as are custodians Ron, Nancy and Kevin. Charities are scheduled to pick up leftovers after the sale, including a WL princess, taking stuffed animals for TVF&R; a representative from Boeckman Creek Primary School, taking children's books for a book exchange; and someone from Tigard/Tualatin Caring House, taking clothes, shoes, backpacks and housewares and other items if space allows. Clackamas County Clothes Closet was not able to take donations this year. Goodwill Industries was somewhat reluctant to provide a trailer this year. Saleen's only problem is a lack of volunteers, but she is hopeful of filling in with some high school volunteers, including NHS students and a group working with Kevin Egan. The only GS expenses this year has been some new signs. She would like to purchase some bags for Sunday form Amazon, as she has had difficulty getting paper bags donated.

WLWV Education Foundation (*Elaine Cozart*)

The Foundation raises money for new teacher positions The goal for the spring campaign, called COUNT, is \$100,000. About \$15,000 has been raised so far. The fundraiser goes until June 1. An important goal is to increase participation. Last year about 600 families donated. This year's stretch goal is 1,000 families. The foundation would like to raise \$10,000 from 100 Athey families and is currently at 6% of that target, from 12 donors so far. The Blazers event raises about \$3,000 each year. The Tonkin Run usually raises between \$4 and \$6,000 for the foundation but it may move to the fall or may not happen at all this year.

Parent Education Event (*Elaine Cozart*)

Doreen Dodgen Magee will present on kids and social media on May 9 at Athey. Joel feels we can accommodate the anticipated crowd. Fliers have been posed at grade schools in WL. Kathryn Whitaker, a parent from Wood MS, in handling WV publicity. Wood is helping to pay the total \$800 speaker fee.

Dance (*Laura Greyerbielh*)

The spring dance will be May 12, from 6:30-8. Joel expressed support for the 1.5 hour time frame. The dance will have a tropical theme and Mike May is confirmed.

8th grade event (*Emily Schmitt*)

The committee needs to meet with Joel.

NEW BUSINESS

Website *(Jane Bernesconi)*

Jane reported that the PTSA website has been experiencing great traffic.

Teacher grants

Jane asked about timelines for teacher grants. According to last year’s minutes, she said, checks expire after six months. Nicole responded that Lola still has outstanding checks for teacher grants and she said that we should reach out to teachers who have not used their specific grant monies. Jane recommended setting a clear policy for next year, with exceptions allowed, for new grants.

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ADJOURN

With no further business presented and no further discussion presented, President Jennifer Tabor adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Attachment A: Sign in Sheet

Date Minutes Approved: _____

President: _____ *Secretary:*
