

## **Athey Creek Middle School PTSA General Meeting Minutes for Friday, December 2, 2016**

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Vice-President Nicole Rusk  
Quorum established with 11 members in attendance  
Meeting held in the staff lunchroom at Athey Creek

### **Welcome and Introductions** *(Nicole Rusk for Jennifer Tabor)*

PTSA Vice-President Nicole Rusk announced that she would be leading the meeting in President Jennifer Tabor's absence. She welcomed attendees and all took turns introducing themselves to the group.

### **Principal's Report**

Principal Joel Sebastian gave a brief update on the school district's middle-school boundary adjustment. The district is using five years' of demographic predictions as it plans and acknowledges the difficulty of moving students to where schools are. The boundary committee considered many scenarios, not just the 7A and 7B options presented at public meetings. School board intends to vote on the matter in January.

Visitors from Korea will be arriving in January, including 32 students and 5 adults.

### **Approval of the minutes** *(Nicole Rusk)*

Minutes from the November meeting were delivered via email to attendees of that meeting and posted on the PTSA website, 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 and the motion was carried by unanimous approval. January minutes will be distributed to attendees and approved at the February meeting.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### **President's Report** *(Nicole Rusk)*

Nicole reported that the PTSA submitted required documents on time to Oregon PTA and should remain "in good standing." Details of the no-cost fundraiser using Amazon Smile has been shared with the community on Facebook. Athey Reads will begin this coming Monday, with books being handed to students starting at 3 p.m.

### **Co-Vice Presidents' Report**

No report was delivered.

**Secretary's Report** (*Kate Hoots*)

Kate reminded the group to sign in on the group signup sheet.

**Treasurer's Report** (*Lola Skates*)

Lola had nothing to report as the month had been a quiet period.

**Membership Report** (*Melissa Juenger*)

Melissa reported a total of 188 members and reminded the group that 215 members is our OR PTA target.

**Volunteer Coordinator** (*Bobbi Kelly*)

Bobbi thanked everyone for volunteering.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****TASA** (*Nicole Rusk*)

The next meal will be Dec. 14, featuring appetizers for lunch.

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

Shari reported business as usual and asked people to email her if they are interested in working at the store. She reminded the group that she is seeking someone to replace her for the 2017-18 school year.

**Garage Sale and Athey Idol** (*Saleen Chenevert*)

Saleen reported that the containers would be arriving Dec. 12 and that donations were already coming in. An email will go out soon with GS info. The first morning drop will be Dec. 13. Volunteers needed for Tuesday morning drops starting after break. She also reported one expected expense: new banners for advertising the sale.

**Parent Education** (*Elaine Cozart*)

Elaine reported that Toni Snapp was scheduling the executive function event. Elaine was looking into showing the movie "Screenagers," a documentary about kids' use of screen time, and presented details of the cost — \$650 if PTSA does not charge admission and \$500 if tickets are sold. That price would include three discussion guides and marketing materials and would allow for one showing to students and one to parents. Joel said he would prefer to bring in an expert speaker, rather than show a movie. After discussion, Elaine agreed to look into that and report at a future meeting.

### **Winter Dance** *(Laura Greyerbiehl)*

The next dance will be held January 13 during the Korean students' visit. Laura will begin promoting it next week. Kate asked Joel about the DJ using a snow machine and he was in favor of it although some expressed concerns about the mess and Joel asked that we make sure it was suitable for indoor use. Kate agreed to check with the DJ.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Winter Break**

There will be no school from Dec. 19 to Jan. 2.

#### **Directories**

PTSA is aware of problems with the school directory and is working with Joyce to sort things out.

#### **Art Programs**

Jennifer and Kate have been talking with Athey's art teacher, Amber Sprague, about how PTSA can support art education. Two ideas are involving the school in the Oregon PTA art program and bringing in an artist in residence. Both options will be explored further and reported on at a later meeting.

#### **Boundary Adjustment**

Kim Jordan reminded the group that the district has posted two potential scenarios on its website and is currently accepting comments on them. Redrawn maps for each scenario are online as well. Kim agreed to post a link to the comments page on our Facebook page but did not want to create a potentially controversial conversation there. Kate is an admin for the group and agreed to turn off commenting after Kim posted the information.

#### **Education Foundation**

Elaine reported that the HOT fundraising campaign has just a week and a half to go, ending Dec. 13. Donations of \$250 or more include a \$10 gift card for the teacher.

### **ADJOURN**

*With no further business presented and no further discussion presented, Vice President Nicole Rusk adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.*