Athey Creek Middle School PTSA

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, May 5, 2015

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

Welcome/Introductions: Quorum established with 16 members in attendance.

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

- Realized the USB port on the new sign is open, so we will be finding a way to lock that so unwanted things can’t be put in!

- Break Room: It is being re-done with Allie coordinating it. Everyone loves it and more staff are starting to use it for small meetings.

- Next year’s officers: Dana Callaghan – President

Kathleen Jensen – Vice President

Sheila Adams - Treasurer

Margaret Koch – Secretary & TASA Coordinator

Joanne Masters – Membership

Kate Hoots – Volunteer Coordinator

Jane Bernasconi – Website

Shari Winters – Student Store

Saleen Chenevert – Garage Sale Coordinator

**Bus Driver Appreciation:**

The PTSA filled plastic drink cups with M & M’s, a $10 gift card to Starbucks & put a fun STOP sign on the straw. These will be handed out on Friday afternoon, May 8.

**Garage Sale results**:

Good feedback with the new process. The containers made it much easier to have the stuff on-site. Still need to work on pricing the commons area stuff—was a little hard to be pricing while the teachers were wanting to shop and look. Saturday/Sunday worked out great, both days had lines of people at the start of the day. We had more volunteers than ever helping. Next year, we’ll be changing the drop off days to Tuesdays so there won’t be a conflict with TASA.

The Concessions made $192. We had popcorn (made fresh from our school’s machine!), soda, candy, coffee & donuts (coffee & donuts were donated). Below is the list of how much we made from the different areas:

Clothes sold at the consignment store: $250

Presale Craig’s Listings” $1600

Pre-sale on Friday: $2000

Saturday Sales: $8400

Sunday Sales: $3000

The only real costs were the drop off and pick up fees for the containers: $190 x 2 (for each container)=$380

Grant Requests:

A notice was sent out to the teachers to put in their requests for the money we earned at the garage sale. We had over $40,000 in requests and about $15,000 to spend, so we had to go through the lists carefully. Some were able to be funded through other sources or were able to use Capital funds from the district as #3, the IT request. Please see the attached list of requests with budget amounts. Below are two examples of other options for obtaining their requests:

#3: IT for Language Arts: Will be covered by the Capital Bond funds through the district.

#10: Library furniture can be bought (bonded leather furniture) at cost through Tiffany, so working with Joel to confirm that he can cover that cost. 2 couches, 2 chairs for $1000.

Short discussion on requests to clarify a couple of things.

Joanne Masters made the Motion to Accept the Budget

Dana Callaghan and Jim Kamikawa both seconded the motion.

All raised hands for approval.

Saleen will now send out an email to all the teachers to explain the process so everyone understands how it all worked, then a separate email to the teachers who put in requests. Separate letters will go out to each of them to let them know if their request was approved or not and why along with suggestions on how it might happen even without funding from the garage sale funds.

**Student Report**:

- April 30: we had Korean War Veterans honored and presented them with rubbings that the students took while in Korea.

- Arts Walk on Wednesday

- Sixth Grade Orientation is next week and Natural helpers will be there

- Athey will be hiring new art teacher and 7th grade math teacher

- New reader Board sign is up and running!

**Break Room Make-Over**: New furniture in, blue shelves cleaned up and organized/decorated, still looking at a moving counter to have by the sink area, tablecloths, and a convection/microwave oven.

A soda machine was requested, but for now Saleen is putting a variety of sodas in the second refrigerator and has a bucket for the teachers to leave money for them.

**Committee Reports:**

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

Our last TASA is May 13, Taco Bar. Margaret is going to have some fun decorations & virgin Margaritas. The sign-ups are looking good!

**Eighth Grade Dance (*Allie Jensen)***

- 8th Grade Dance: Scheduled for June 10. Susanne Nelson & Courtney Kennedy are leading this. They plan on having a snow cone truck, Papa Murphy’s pizza truck, Zorb soccer or other games, a recognition ceremony & it is confirmed that we will have the yearbooks to hand out. They will check to make sure no one has outstanding fees or library books out.

Joel gave approval to have three dances next year, fall, winter, spring.

**Volunteer Recognition*: (Kate Hoots)***

This year was more responsive than ever for volunteers. We had record numbers to help out this year. Right now we are thinking about having a Volunteer Recognition at Wonkers right after school and we will be setting a date and then send an evite out. It should cost about $250-300 and be from 4-5:30 pm, probably the first week of June.

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

Rachael Stevenson will work with Shari and then take over.

**Website: (*Jim Kamikawa)***

Jane Bernasconi will be taking over for him as Website Administrator. Please copy her on all requests as he has been working with her to prepare her for taking it on. She has some great ideas to make it even better!

**Report from Vice Principal: (Kathy**

- Incoming 6th graders from Willamette/Stafford/Trillium will be visiting the school. The natural helpers will be available to take small groups to tour the school. Last week we took 4 – 6th graders to Stafford, Willamette & Trillium to talk to the 5th graders to help ease the transition.

- Parent night for incoming 6th graders is on Wednesday, May 13th

- Korean Veterans Day went great = request was made to facilitate better communication for major school events.

- Assessments continuing and going well. Our students are taking this seriously and really giving it their best, some are taking extra time.

**Community Reports:**

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

Count me in Campaign: Wednesday, May 13, from 5-7 pm will be call night for Count Me In campaign. They need about 10 volunteers. They will be calling 2 or 3 schools per night for 2 weeks. Calls will be made from the district office. Also looking for volunteers for the Tonkin Challenge in June.

**Oregon PTSA & WLWV Board of Education Update: (*Betty Reynolds*):**

Betty Reynolds, Vice President of Legislation, Oregon PTA, provided an update on ESEA/NCLB reauthorization; the Oregon PTA conference and keynote remarks by Congresswoman Bonamici; testimony on Oregon bills re: student data privacy and funding for school facilities; state school funding and revenue forecast; and the School District budget hearing at 6 p.m. on May 14. She also distributed Oregon PTA and other resources re: assessment and curriculum.

**New Business:**

No new business reported.

**Upcoming Dates:**

5/8: Bus Driver Appreciation

5/13: MinniJean Brown Assembly

5/13: TASA – Taco Bar

5/13: Parent Night for incoming 6th graders

6/10: 8th Grade Dance/Celebration

**Adjourn**: Meeting adjourned at 10:50 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: Treasurers Report

Attachment B: Sign in Sheet

Attachment C: Betty Reynolds Report

Attachment D: Grants Request List

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

President: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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