

Wilder PTSA General Membership

September 22, 2011

Meeting called to order at 9:30AM by Co-President Heather Lund in the Art Portable.

Co- President Heather Lund started off with a recap of the open house and Welcome back brunch held for teachers and staff by the PTSA. There were also brief introductions of each member of the Executive Committee.

Attendance sheet is attached.

Secretary Report

June notes approved as written. Six pieces of correspondence were passed around for each person to read.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Heather Cramer gave a balance going into September as \$95,000.

The open house was a huge success with \$16,000 for pass the hat, membership was \$4,000, and birthday books \$2300. A full report is attached to the secretary's minutes. An audit from last years treasurers books found no irregularities.

Staff Report

Teacher representative, Julie Doherty, thanked the Wilder PTSA for the back to school brunch and for the classroom and special grants. The staff is very appreciative. There is also a push for 100% staff PTSA membership.

Principal Report

The much anticipated sound system proposal was approved and has an install date of October 7, 2011. Looking forward toward " phase 2" to further upgrade the system from the help of a Wilder family.

MSP scores are in- good standings. More detailed information is on OSP website.

Big gains in the 3rd grade, all scores in the 94-97% range also big gain in 5th grade science with a 38% increase from 50% to 88% from the previous year.

Council Report

Every PTSA member in the state of Washington is invited and encouraged to take a survey, there is a link provided on the www.LWSD.org website as well as in the weekly Constant Contact email. So far, Wilder has 0% participation.

LWSD Superintendent Chip Kimbell is leaving to take a position in Beijing so we can anticipate so new changes for the upcoming school year.

"PTA and the Law" class is being held at the offices at the Redmond Town Center and any Wilder PTSA is invited to go, the cost has already been paid.

An auction basket will be auctioned off with the proceeds benefiting Lake Washington students. Last year Wilder generously donated two baskets.

New Business

*The Wilder PTSA Executive Committee invites anyone to join the Board of Directors (BOD).

*There have been a few changes in the Wilder PTSA 2011-2012 Standing Rules, the changes are written in bold and the sheet is attached to the minutes.

*Two (2) new motions were passed:

Motion #1 We move to approve the proposed 2011-2012 standing rules of the Wilder PTSA as presented and attached.---PASSED

Motion #2 We move to approve \$200 funding for the student gardening project out side room 110, funding is to come from the special projects fund.—PASSED

Nominating Committee will be accepting names at the October General Membership meeting, start thinking of people now!

Carnival is Sept. 30th Volunteers are still needed, new menu of BBQ from Texas Longhorn will be served, new games, also there is a push to pre-order tickets. They will also be available at the front on carnival night.

Volunteers in the classrooms are still needed, as well as in; special needs, the winter play, debate, and chess. Overall enrichment is down. This was the second year of all online sign ups, next year we hope to see an increase as people get used to paperless sign ups. A reminder that scholarships are available to those who qualify.

Membership

To date 117 family members, 63 individual, 297 total. 80% of those came from the open house and about 20% on line.

Communications

Becky Spelman gave report for Wade Brewer. We made the move from Parent Organizer to Constant Contact which seems to be working out nicely. Deadline for postings in the newsletter is 12 noon Thursday. So far there has been a 50-60% open rate. All school information and district calendars are available through Constant Contact. Wade welcomes any feedback and/or suggestions.

Ways and Means

Way up from last year, almost triple. Parking spot has been a success and with 2 spots available this year tickets are \$20 for one or \$50 for 3.

Wolf Pack – Community Service

The focus is to make becoming part of the community a part of everyday life. Anyone at any age can do this.

*A coin drive will be starting soon where a money jar will be set up in front of the library with the proceeds benefiting local school libraries.

*Books left over from a book swap will be donated to another in district library for them to sell and use the proceeds to help buy books.

* Wilder is working with the Starlight Foundation to decorate two hotel rooms and distribute trick or treat bags to children who can not go out on Halloween. This will be held on October 27th.

*December 2nd there will be an in house assembly with a representative from the Starlight Foundation along with 2 children who benefit from this Foundation.

* A toy drive will also be starting for the upcoming holiday season.

*Pantry packs is back. The goal is to fill as many backpacks full of food as we can and distribute to children in our school district that are in need. As an added incentive 1 can of donated food will get you one ticket to the carnival. 1 can=1 ticket.

The kindergartners will have fun decorating the food bins.

*the goal is to get the older kids to step up their responsibility and become role models for the younger kids.

Watershed

Volunteers are always welcome. Help is needed from laminating the updated field journals to cleaning the fish tank. Watershed is a unique and a great way to get involved helping the community in which we live.

Writers are needed in helping to submit updates to the school newsletter.

Anyone interested can come to the training in Early October. Dates will be announced soon.

Art

Art is going to be messy this year. A new revamped curriculum is starting. Anything from paints to ink will be used so don't wear clothes that you don't want to get messy.

There is also a newly painted map of the USA on the playground blacktop.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57

Joy Glassberg
Wilder PTSA Secretary

Wilder PTSA Co-President