



**Laura Ingalls Wilder PTSA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Recap**  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

- Auction Recap - Everyone was thanked for all of their hard work and generous donations to make our auction very successful. There are still some expenses coming in, but preliminary numbers look great. We should be in a strong position going into next year. As soon as we have a firm number we will let everyone know how much we made.
- Treasurer's Report - There is a lot of activity going on right now, but we seem to be in line with our budget. We don't have any expense areas of concern. Where we aren't making our numbers on some fundraising line items we are making up for it in other areas.
- Staff Report - Karen Cosme emphasized the staff's appreciation of the support our community provides our teachers. She also mentioned that she is piloting a new online grading system which will be implemented sometime in the fall. It provides parents with a real time assessment of where their children are academically.
- Principal's Report/Presentation - Mr. R. discussed how our PTSA might be able to support our school next year when we are hit with more budget cuts. Studies show that teachers need to work in collaboration rather than isolation and that they need to keep current on brain research as well as pedagogy (instructional practice). Unfortunately, one of the big cuts will be I-728 dollars. This is what pays for teacher development, content teams and diagnostic tools. Our PTSA may be able to help our school by providing a grant to cover some of these costs. We need to consider "investing in our teachers".
- Legislative/Advocacy Report - Jason Rothkowitz discussed the potential cuts our district will be faced with and the importance of going to one of the public input meetings. Please go to [www.lwsd.org](http://www.lwsd.org) to see a list of dates/locations.
- PTSA Council Report - Lake WA Schools Foundation is moving towards more district wide programs to help offset the budget cuts. Please consider going to their annual luncheon on April 28<sup>th</sup> and supporting the foundation.
- Funding Request - the "Green Team" - was approved for \$190. This will be used for 2 cases of bio-bags for the lunchroom food scrapping program.
- Parent Surveys are now on PO. Please fill one out today! This data is used to help us plan for next year's budget and programs. We take every survey seriously!
- Award Nominations - Now is the time to nominate someone for a Golden Acorn or Silver Wolf award. Nomination forms will be at school. Please fill one out and recognize someone who has gone above and beyond.
- Disability Awareness Fair is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will go on during the school day and is targeted at 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We are looking for volunteers to help out this day.
- Wilder Arts Fest is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8pm. This has formally been known as the Art Walk, but is being expanded this year. There will be a lot of hands on opportunities. It will also feature Performing Arts. More info will come soon...
- Debbie Love reported on community service. We collected 708 rolls of toilet paper! We also had 12 6<sup>th</sup> graders stuff 3600 eggs for the City of Redmond Eggstravaganza. Way to go 6<sup>th</sup> graders!!!