

Findley Elementary School

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2012

Library, 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

·Leslie Hmura, Co-President

·Angie Mitlehner, Co-President

·Also in Attendance: Laura Taylor, Treasurer

Amber Ferschweiler, Vice-President

Martha Beaves, Secretary

Kristin Vande Zandschulp, Member-at -Large

II. Approval of Minutes

·September 2012 – **Approved**

III. Board Member Reports

A. Vice-President Amber Ferschweiler

1. Certificates of Appreciation Presentation

Dragon Dash: Angie Kelly, Ellen Bradley, Laura Rich, Corrine Frechette,
Kristin Hill, Tania Rueben, Marianne Higgins, Melissa Brinser

Carnival: Jim Chu, Dirk Hmura, Alfred Voegels, Sean Baartans, Frank
Ferchweiler, Eric Downey, Gary Allen, Jason Rogers, Mahesh Wagh, Jason
Caffer, Tustin Borg, Steve Needham, Eric Arnold, Trevor Cooper, Mike
Wong, Ravi Bella, Vinoo Srinivasan, Ryan Rodman, Paul Andrea, Angie
Patterson, Leslie Hmura, Debbie Allen, Marianne Higgins & Mary Taylor

B. Treasurer's Report - Laura Taylor

1. Dragon Dash total will be in October budget at November PTO meeting.+

2. Carnival brought in approximately \$3100.

3. Classroom Grant Proposals:

·Process is changing to monthly evaluations and voting at PTO meeting.
\$1700 (approximately) is available every month with unused funds rolling
forward. PTO will score proposals and then take to Mrs. Skidmore for her

input. Then, PTO will present at the monthly PTO meeting. Parents and the board will vote on each proposal. Laura Taylor will notify teachers.

·Three Grants presented and **Approved**

Mobile Washington County Museum for 5 th grade	\$260.00
Professional books for all teachers to assist in teaching strategies of new curriculum	\$810.00
National Geographic Subs. for nonfiction texts for 2 nd	\$124.50

IV. Committee Reports

A. Carnival Committee, Jim Chu (jchu@comcast.net)

1. Post mortem: positives – raffle, wrist bands, dunk tank
negative – revamp volunteer coordinator position
2. Volunteers need to log their hours.

B. Dragon Dash Committee, Ellen Bradley

1. Dragon Dash raised over \$53k (plus matching funds).
2. Participation rate at over 85%, which is better than last year. Fourth grade won sit anywhere at lunch for a week. Specialists wore wacky outfits, Ms. Condor had purple hair and popcorn parties are for 6 classes with over 90% participation.
3. Next year checks and cash will be deposited as they are turned in.

C. Volunteer Committee

1. Movie night coordinator Josh still needs volunteers.
2. Findley Beautification Day on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012, from 1-4 pm. Bring your own labeled tools.

V. New Business

A. Date changes:

1. Soc Hop is now April 19, 2013.
2. Cultural Night is now Feb. 13, 2013.

B. Allocate classroom support funds to Mrs. Pogue. Moved and Approved.

C. Battle of Books T-shirts – Add line item on budget and fund from last year's fifth grade donation of 1k. Moved and **Approved**.

VI. Findley Staff Report

A. Teacher Representative – Kathi Kennedy

1. Staff loved the carnival, health focus of dragon dash, and the food at teacher conferences. Staff also appreciates additional classroom funds.
2. First grade curriculum update: the first grade teachers are each crafting a one week science program. Each first grader will cycle through all five one-week courses and at the end be a “super scientist”.

B. Carrie Kondor – Student Supervisor

1. Enrollment stands at 827 students.
2. Findley was named an outstanding school by the Oregon Department of Education. The report card is on the website.
3. Walk to School success: 440 walkers, 31 bikers/unicycles, 245 bus riders= 716 students participating
 - only 26 cars went through the parking lot
4. The addition of Mrs. Pogue brings the average in the fourth grade classes to 30 kids.
5. Safety at School
 - a. Wear badges or name stickers
 - b. Use door closest to the office in the front of the school
 - c. Ask if an adult doesn't have a badge or sticker
6. IXL.com – math website with activities tied to common core state standards
7. Inclement weather
 - a. Do not call the office.
 - b. Listen to news, look on BSD website
 - c. Sign up for email or text at flashalert.net

C. Mrs. Skidmore's Collaboration Presentation may be in November. Discussion of BSD email stating BSD will not implement Collaboration Plan at this time.