

Findley Elementary School

PTO Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2012

Library, 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

- Leslie Hmura, Co-President
- Angie Mitlehner, Co-President

Also in attendance: Laura Taylor, Treasurer

Amber Freschweiler, Vice-President

Martha Beaves, Secretary

Kristin Vande Zandschulp, Member-at-Large

II. Approval of Minutes

- November 2012 – **Approved (as written)**

III. Beaverton Eco-School Network Presentation

A. Beaverton Eco-School Network is a network to support parents and share information regarding environmental issues in our schools.

1. Next meeting: January 15, 2013 @ Beaverton City Library, Conference Room A, at 7:00pm.
2. Looking for volunteer/s at Findley to head up project of recertifying Findley as a Merit School. Current certification expires in May 2013.

IV. Board Member Reports

A. President Angie Mitlehner

1. Teacher Survey Results: 25 teacher and staff returned survey results. Top priorities are:
 - a. Teacher collaboration: some discussion whether the district instead of the PTO should pay for substitutes to facilitate collaboration.
 - b. Technology: presentation to come in the next couple of months.
 - c. Pencil sharpeners and supplies: PTO has already allocated \$4100 to office supplies, but this does not include sharpeners.
 - d. Library updates: library passes and classroom libraries
 - e. Other: track/field, voice amplification, poster maker, classroom updates, work room updates

B. Vice- President Amber Ferschweiler

1. Thank You's: Jill Raleigh, Rona Caffery, Karen Borg, Dana Rodman, Pradheepa Krishnasamy, Diana Du, Brenda Steingas, Denise Laird, Karen Borg, Reema Arora, Chandni Sharma, Pinky Sonpatki, Ramya Srinivasan, Sue Kim, Amy Heang, Brooke Taylor, Rosie Li, Jennifer Quaintance, Marti Quashnock, Kecia Chandler, Dina Rosen, Catherine Needham, Madhura Patwardhan, Anjali Desai, Wendy MacGregor, Teri Doherty, Michelle Hutton, Tania Rueben, Kim Clark, Lucy Liu, Sheryl Pullen, Amy Molony, Ameera Aboulseoud, Christine Wang, Angie Kelly, Kimberly Martindell, Marianne Higgins, Sushma Gopinath, Deepa Bhan, Mary Dach, Jennifer Gordon, Tam Harrell, Melissa Morgan

C. Treasurer's Report - Laura Taylor

1. Revenue over \$11,000 above what we planned.
2. Scholastic News running over budget more than \$600.

D. Volunteer Report

- 1) Art Night - January 11, 2013 Marianne Higgins will use excess Art Lit supplies and have "guess the artist." Funds from Art Lit budget, if needed.
- 2) Australian Night – February 13, 2013

E. New PTO Meeting Dates

- 1) January 14, 2013
- 2) February 25, 2013

V. New Business

A. Classroom Grant Request Review

- 1) Technology – 75 mouse pads **moved and approved**

VI. Findley Staff Report

A. Teacher Representative Kathie Kennedy

1. Teachers are grateful for colored paper and office supplies.
2. Giving Tree was huge success for ten families.
3. Fourth grade state fair happening soon.
4. Second grade kids care project collecting items for Bvtn Resource Center

B. Principal Kathleen Skidmore

1. If Governor Kitzhaber funds school budget at \$6.15billion, then BSD is \$23 million short. BSD cut less about \$33 million last year. If funding level of \$6.15 billion and PERS reform, then BSD is about \$15 million short. If the governor funds at the 6.4 billion level and PERS reform, then BSD is about \$7 million short. Mrs. Skidmore believes the best case and worst case scenarios are least likely; somewhere in the middle is most likely.

2. May 2013 Local Option Levy – this levy could generate between \$10-13 million for schools to prevent cuts. If you want the levy to pass, then write your state legislator. Mrs. Skidmore will write a letter and anyone interested can use the text to send to the state legislators.

3. District Budget Listening Sessions are scheduled for January 22, 2013 @ Aloha High School and February 12, 2013, at Beaverton High School.

4. All visitors and volunteers (including for class parties and all-school assemblies, such as the All School Sing) must be background checked.

Adjourned