

<b>Findley PTO Meeting</b>		
<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>Meeting Date: 10/29/2018</b>	<b>Time: 7:00 pm</b>

Meeting Location:	Findley Library
Meeting called by:	Sara Thorn-President, Findley PTO
Type of meeting:	General PTO Meeting
Facilitator:	Sara Thorn
Note taker:	Kristy Ballou
Attendees:	Sara Thorn, Lauren Wylie, Annie Bulnes, Terra Groom, Aviva Kuperus, Kristy Ballou, Dana Rodman, Ryoko Dowers, Amy Heang, Paul Pak, Milind Nadkarni, Sherry Marsh, Jen Whitten, Coleen O'Mara

	<u><b>Agenda Items</b></u>
1.	<p><b>Community Update – Washington County Sheriff's Office</b></p> <p>Deputy Thomas (Duke) Bowler spoke at the meeting with a safety and security update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the Bethany area, property crime is most prevalent; there are rarely violent crimes.</li> <li>• Findley does have a School Resource Office (SRO) assigned to the school.</li> <li>• The traffic team tries to increase patrols of school zones at the beginning of the school year, however, there are only 7 traffic officers available the entire Bethany area. Deputy Bowler asked us call in any traffic complaints or concerns.</li> <li>• Washington County Sheriff's office has significant leads in the recent mailbox theft cases, however, they have not yet been solved.</li> <li>• The biggest problem in the Bethany is unlocked cars.</li> <li>• Someone asked about the rash of burglaries last winter when someone was entering homes in the middle of the night. The culprit has likely been caught, but the Sheriff's office wasn't able to tie him to all of the burglaries. After this particular arrest was made, the burglaries seemed to stop.</li> <li>• If a crime is currently happening in the moment, call 911; otherwise call the Washington County Sheriff's non-emergency number.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>PTO Overview – Sara Thorn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PTO is collaboration between teachers, parents, and community with the purpose of enhancing the school experience for students.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Fundraising Results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dragon Dash was run inside (due to weather) for the first time ever. The flexibility of students was great, and the indoor Dragon Dash was a success.</li> <li>• The Dragon Dashed raised \$108,119 (122% of the goal) with a 97% Student Participation rate (participation is considered signing up on Pledge Star or turning in an envelope, donation is not required to be counted for participation).</li> <li>• This fund raising effort allows us to maintain current programs, plus more.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Dragon Dash awards assembly was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Prizes were distributed at assembly. Group prizes (magician show, limo rides, class prizes, etc., are upcoming).</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Staff Update – Coleen O’mara update on Apple TV’s</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. O’mara (3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher) gave a presentation regarding use of an Apple TV in her classroom. Mrs. O’mara has had the Apple TV for 2 years. The Apple TV is used instead of overhead projectors and is controlled via teacher’s iPad. On the Apple TV, she can easily get to internet links and her website. Mrs. O’mara’s showed us how she typically uses the Apple TV throughout the day in her classroom.</li> <li>It is also a great way for students to share their work with the rest of the class. If students are working in Google Docs on their chromebooks, they can project their work to the TV and share their work with the whole class. If they are not working on Chromebooks, the teacher can easily snap a picture of student’s work with her iPad and project it to the TV.</li> <li>The TV’s have speakers built in. Mrs. O’mara’s TV is on a portable stand so that it can be moved around the classroom as needed.</li> <li>It only took a few weeks for Mrs. O’mara to get up to speed on the technology. She also leaves short instructions for substitutes on how to use the Apple TV, and they are usually able to use it without issue. Also, parents use the TV when presenting in the classroom (ie. art literacy lessons).</li> <li>Currently, the two teachers are using the Apple TV’s (Mrs. O’mara and Mrs. Wellborn, both in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade).</li> <li>Dr. Marsh and Mrs. Whitten would like to increase the number of Apple TV’s in the school, eventually having one in every classroom. Mrs. Whitten is currently visiting other schools to see how they utilize the technology.</li> <li>The TV’s currently in each classroom where installed when the school was built and have been put to good use, however, Dr. Marsh and Mrs. Whitten feel like they are becoming obsolete and could use an update. The old technology that Findley used to live feed things like morning announcements and dismissal information to the classroom TV’s broke at the beginning of this year. They feel like the Apple TV’s would could replace the old TV’s, as well as be used for much more.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Staff Update – Jennifer Whitten (Vice Principal) on Maker Space</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maker Space is now open for use. Findley’s technology instructional assistant, Mr. Temple-Morris, uses this space during the technology half of the library/technology special. Maker space is located in the room adjacent to the library. Technology is part of the library special. Tech time is in Maker Space, and then they switch with the group doing library check out. It is also available for students to use during recess.</li> <li>Maker Space is essentially a place to make stuff. Some things in Maker Space is technology, some things are not. Robot work and coding is on the to-do list as an addition to Maker Space.</li> <li>Maker Space has a green screen. Morning announcements used to be live, until the camera broke earlier this year. Now we are recording it in front of the green screen. Dragon riders help to produce the morning announcements. An example morning</li> </ul>

	<p>announcement was shown. Some improvements are still needed: tri-pods and better sound (microphone) so that announcements can be a better production.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Staff Update – Sherry March (Principal) on Erin’s Law</b>  Erin’s Law is a sexual abuse prevention law adopted by Oregon in 2015. The law requires public schools in Oregon to educate kids about sexual abuse prevention.</p> <p>Information was included in the October 29<sup>th</sup> Findley newsletter. The lessons will begin this winter. Teachers will send information home on when lessons will be taught before they teach the lesson.</p> <p>Reason for the law: Statistics show that 1 of 4 girls and 1 of 6 boys are sexually abused by the age of 18. A lot of cases are people that are close to the family and kids, not necessarily strangers. A video by Erin Merryn, founder of Erin’s Law was shown. Go to <a href="http://www.erinslaw.org">www.erinslaw.org</a> to see the video.</p> <p>Student objectives: gain awareness of sexual abuse; learn the skills to report sexual abuse to a trusted adult.</p> <p>There are 4 lessons that will be taught during February thru April. Beaverton School District has adopted the lessons from <a href="http://fightchildabuse.org">fightchildabuse.org</a> (link is in today’s newsletter). Next year, the adopted standard resource will change to The Great Body Shop.</p> <p>This information is being taught state-wide. 35 states have adopted Erin’s Law. There is an opt-out option available if parents don’t want the kids to have the lesson.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>PTO Committee Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Box Tops Fundraising: This year we are changing to only one box top collection period. Box tops will be collected between Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Findley earns 10 cents per box top and typically raises about \$1000. There will be a prize for the class that collects the most box tops.</li> <li>• Findley Directories: Art contest judging is done. Finalists have their drawings in displayed in the front of the school. All finalists will have their artwork printed in the directory. Directories will be distributed soon.</li> <li>• November Breakfast Month – Sherry Marsh said that there is an initiative in November to encourage kids to eat breakfast. If schools increase the number of students who eat breakfast in the school cafeteria in the mornings, Findley could be eligible to apply for grant money. Currently, only four students eat breakfast. Cost for a student breakfast is \$1.45.</li> </ul>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>PTO Budget Overview – Amy Heang</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy Heang (PTO Treasurer) shared 2018-2019 budget</li> <li>• In order to maintain current PTO funded programs at Findley, we needed to raise \$80,000 with Dragon Dash. We were able to raise \$108,000, so that is a good opportunity to make additional investments in the school.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company matching funds have been coming in and they typically trickle in throughout the year.</li> <li>• Wish List of additional investment items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Class room books (amount may be reduced as we spent a significant amount on books last year)</li> <li>○ Maker Space would like additional funding</li> <li>○ New iPads for grades K thru 2. Cost is currently budgeted at \$5000, but could go up to \$15,000.</li> <li>○ Apple TV's for additional classrooms (\$10,000)</li> <li>○ Field improvements – This would be a significant investment that has been discussed for many years. PTO would work with the school district to choose contractor, etc. Timing is somewhat dependent on the school district's response. Jennifer Whitten noted that people would be able to use field on evenings, weekends, and during summer, so it is not just an investment for use during school hours.</li> <li>○ The school district put in a new gym floor over the summer. PE teachers would like either a tarp to protect the new gym floor or a scrubber to clean the floor.</li> <li>○ Electronic reader board (letters on current reader board tend to get rearranged to inappropriate messages likely by mischievous teenagers). Need to get pricing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Findley student count is currently at 687.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Approval of Meeting Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 21, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>End of Meeting.</b></p>