

Enriching the Lives of the Pioneer Elementary School Family  
**General Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2011**

**Welcome and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Erica Baker, Jeana Callicoat, Will Callicoat, Susan Champagne, Heather Christenson, David Cordero, Kristin Jaudon, Nancy Major, Jennifer Meyer, Tiffin Moreno, Denise Pantelis, Ken Zarker, Randy Weeks, Manisha Shinde, Colleen Madden, Drew Wellner, Erin McDonnell and Jeanne Trantum.

**Secretary's Report:** Quorum was established. Colleen Madden moved to approve the January general meeting minutes. Seconded. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The fundraiser for the popcorn machine was very successful. The PTA purchased the popcorn machine for the school. Therefore, a line item in the budget under income needs to be added and a line item under expenses needs to be added for this item. Even though the amounts will zero each other out they will change the bottom line on the budget and therefore, needs to be approved by the general membership. Also, at the beginning of the year the board approved to move \$1200 from the yearbook expense line item to the fall carnival expense line item to cover the additional cost the fall carnival chair was requesting. At the time we did not have anyone volunteering to chair the yearbook. We now have a chair and committee for the yearbook and therefore, are wanting to put the money back in. Even though the fall carnival raised enough money and didn't spend as much as requested, Randy, our treasurer, suggested that for accounting purposes rather than transfer the money back to the yearbook that we add \$1200 to the line item expense for the yearbook. This too would change the bottom line of the budget and therefore, also needed to be voted on and approved by the general membership. Erin McDonnell moved to add the line items as needed as well as add \$1200 to the yearbook expense line item. Seconded. Passed. T-shirt sales raised \$300. The box top monies came in.

**Featured Speakers:** Erica Baker and Paula Reeves of the Sustainability Committee presented Energy Use 101. 1,000 watts used over 1 hour is 1 kwh at a cost of 10 cents per kwh. There was an average use per household of 920 kwh a month. There was discussion on energy consumption. You can find out more at [www.energytips.wa.gov](http://www.energytips.wa.gov).

**Financial Review:** Ellen Bigelow conducted the mid-year financial review. She looked at the books from July 1 through January 31. There is proper handling of money, reports and insurance. There were no findings. There is a question about reconciling membership fees and cards. There is a recommendation to do away with membership cards as they are deemed as probably unnecessary. Tiffin Moreno said the financial review was approved by the board as written.

**President's Report:** Tiffin Moreno said the popcorn machine is working well. The budget committee right now consists of Tiffin Moreno, Jeanne Trantum and Randy Gunderson. We are looking for volunteer to be on the committee. Thank you to Denise Laflamme for organizing the talent show.

**Principal's Report:** Principal Randy Weeks said another Love and Logic class will take place at the end of March. At homework club there are 12 – 15 kids showing up for 40 minutes on Mondays and Wednesdays. The state legislature is working on funding. Teachers could be cut because the district is proposing cuts of \$400,000. There are also proposals to cut the number of days of school from 180 to 175. The school district is putting together a facilities master plan and is looking for stakeholders input. The foundation for the Pioneer addition will be laid in May and completed by next fall. The floor plan is complete and will have a special education room and will keep grade levels together.

**Committee Reports:**

- Legislative Liaison – Kristin Jaudon discussed the PTA Focus Day that occurred on Feb. 21 at the Capitol. Kids made cards and signs and marched down Capital Way to the Capitol. There was a big turn out on the steps and legislators said they aren't hearing from educators or parents. She gave everyone a packet that included some education bills and the PTA's position.
- Science Fair – Denise Laflamme said it will be held the evening of March 30. There will be a sign up sheet sent home on Feb. 25. Every kid will get a poster board. Judging will be done in a non-competitive manner and high school students and parents will be judges. It is open to all grades.
- Auction – Colleen Madden and Erin McDonnell said the auction is Friday, March 11 from 6:15 – 10 p.m. They would like to know the value of all donations by Feb. 25. Many quality donations have been acquired and you can get the ticket order forms from the website. Fund-an-Item will be equipment and bark for the recreation area. Donations of wine would be appreciated.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:59 p.m.