

Enriching the Lives of the Pioneer Elementary School Family
General Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2011

Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Those in attendance were Drew Wellner, Jeanne Trantum, Paula Reeves, Noha Gindy, Denise Laflamme, Randy Gunderson, Tiffin Moreno, Amy Riggs, Erin McDonnell, Jay Christenson, Heather Christenson, Kandra Barrett, Susie Champagne, David Cordero, Wendy Morrisette, Mary Meteyer, Jennifer Meyer, Jeana Calliccoat, Will Calliccoat, Randy Weeks and Carie Bussey.

Secretary's Report: Quorum was established. Erin McDonnell moved to approve the March general meeting minutes. Seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Randy Gunderson said we have \$36,000 in the bank and about \$4,000 income to come. We have about \$19,000 in expense commitments with a yearend balance of \$21,000.

President's Report: Jeanne Trantum and Tiffin Moreno recommended changing the standing rules. The first recommendation was to change the election of the nominating committee to no later than the December meeting. The second recommendation would take place in Article IV, Section 5 which originally stated "All nominees for the office of President shall have served on the Board or chaired a committee for the term immediately preceding their nomination, or if doing a co-position, one of the co-Presidents must have served on the Board or chaired a committee for the term immediately preceding their nomination" to "It is recommended that all nominees for the office of President shall have served on the Board or chaired a committee for the term immediately preceding their nomination, or if doing a co-position, it is recommended that at least one of the co-Presidents must have served on the Board or chaired a committee for the term immediately preceding their nomination." It was also recommended that the office of the President provision be temporary. Amy Riggs moved to approve. Seconded. Passed.

Nominating Committee: There was not a nominee for President. There were three nominees – Kandra Barrett for VP of Fundraising, Susie Champagne for VP of Programs, and Heather Christenson for Secretary. All nominees were voted on and all passed. Randy Gunderson as Treasurer was also voted on and passed.

Principal's Report: Principal Randy Weeks said the student council counted the monies raised for the Japanese relief at \$466.53. Fifth graders had a great time at Cispus. The counselors were from Capital High School. A parent who was a nurse also attended. The school board provided \$30,000 for this that wasn't budgeted. More than likely, it will not be funded next year. MSP testing will occur in May for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Fourth and fifth graders will take tests online. This test is a guideline for teachers to gauge student progress. The last two days of school will both be half days. The school district will make their budget cuts as soon as they know what the state will do. They are guesstimating that \$2 million will need to be cut. The specialist programs that are at risk are PE, music, sports and PATS. He appreciates the district having an open process.

Committee Reports:

- Fun Run: Carie Bussey said it will be at Pioneer on June 3. It will have the top trot and kindergarten race. The mile and a half run will be fun and more of an obstacle course. The high school track is reserved for 2012. South Sound Running donated ribbons. An experienced timer is needed.
- Beach Party: It is set up for June 3. A DJ is reserved.
- Programs: Amy Riggs said there will be an assembly on May 20 about toy making around the globe. On May 25 is a parent seminar called "Safety Without Fear". On June 10 the Pacific Science Center will have exhibits at Pioneer for 5 hours. This Thursday on April 28 will also be a parenting education night.

- Garden: Erin McDonnell said they need volunteers for weeding and pruning now and through the summer. They are trying to create new habitat spaces. If anyone is interested in working with kids in the garden, Erin will work with them.
- Field Day: Paula Reeves said it will be June 17. Volunteers are needed. There are 33 stations and 2 volunteers per station. Parents from different grades will be requested to bring items for the event.
- Staff Appreciation: It is next week. Monday - chili; Tuesday - coffee, bagels and fruit salad; Wednesday – soups, salads and breads; Thursday – espresso and breakfast breads; Friday – cookies, brownies and cupcakes. Student council will make cards and all kids can sign on Monday.
- Bicycle Commuter: There will be tracking sheets for classrooms and the distance will be tracked between home and school. Parents can purchase t-shirts.
- Passport/Geography: Erin McDonnell will take over this program.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53 p.m.