

Enriching the Lives of the Pioneer Elementary School Family
General Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2010

Welcome and Introduction: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Those in attendance were Tiffin Moreno, Randy Gunderson, Jeanne Trantum, Carrie Cortes-Monroy, Drew Wellner, Erin McDonnell, Wendy Morissette, Lori Nesmith, Stacy Brewster, Christine Butler, Jackie Buldis, Nick Buldis, Will Callicoat, Jeana Callicoat, Niquette Kelcher, Laurie Murphy, Jennifer Meyer, Randy Weeks, Jeff Christenson, David Forsberg, Kristine Gunderson, Christine Rayburn, David Stroble, Diana Stroble, Kendall Wark and Kristen Jaudon.

Secretary's Report: There was a quorum. Jackie Buldis moved to approve the September general meeting minutes. Seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Randy Gunderson reviewed the year-to-date budget. He discussed the reallocation of \$1200 from the yearbook budget line item to the harvest festival. The membership dues exceeded what was budgeted. There is \$5000 available for grants. A grant for \$1501 will go to the fourth grade teachers for ceramics. Another grant for \$1121.98 will be used to purchase a set of books on the states for the library.

Featured Speakers: Fourth grade teachers Laurie Raben and Jan Cereghino discussed their focus on incorporating Washington State into the various content areas like history, math and art. They are taking students on field trips to see Washington's natural habitats, such as rivers and forests. In addition, they showed their ceramics projects which will be on display in the school.

President's Report: Jeanne Trantum said there will be vision and hearing screenings on November 10 and volunteers are needed. Tiffin Moreno discussed educational opportunities available to people in board positions.

Principal's Report: Principal Randy Weeks thanked people for their participation in the fall harvest festival. He is looking for volunteers for a site council. Volunteers are also needed for playground supervision. He has prepared a handbook for volunteers who will need to be trained. The Get Up and Get Moving Fridays have gone well.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising Committee: Erin McDonnell talked about the additional money the school's auction generates for Pioneer since it has been in place. This year the auction will be held at an off-site venue where alcohol will be served. Childcare will be available in the gym and volunteers are needed. People can donate items and skills.

Legislative Liaison: Kristin Jaudon reminded people to vote. She attended half of a legislative assembly and will write an article for the newsletter. Focus Day in Olympia will be February 21, 2011. Kids can meet legislators and participate in activities.

Programs Committee:

- **Flu Clinic:** Programs hosted a clinic on Wed., Oct. 13. Registration was conducted online and walk-in vaccinations were also available. There were 17 unused vaccines at the clinic's end that were sent back to the distributor.
- **Parent Education Class** to be offered Wednesday, Nov. 17 by JennyAnn Wheeler. Topic: Emotional Intelligence. Description: Emotional intelligence is the ability to identify and manage emotions in oneself, and in others. The topic explores why emotional intelligence is important and how to encourage (and discourage) emotionally intelligent development in both our children and ourselves.

20 participant maximum with 4 minimum required to conduct class. Sign up available at meeting. Childcare will be provided in the music room.

- ***Experience the Power of Rhythm assembly*** by local musician and teacher Scott Saunders is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 2:15 p.m. This is a participatory assembly whereby students experience community playing drums and percussion, signing and chanting.

Arts Committee:

- **PTA Arts Reflections Program Meeting** to be held Wed., Oct. 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pioneer library. Your students are welcome to attend. To inspire we will show last year's National award-winning Reflections entries. We will also review and distribute the rules and student entry forms and answer any appropriate questions. If parents are not able to attend, they can download the three necessary forms from the Pioneer PTA website. Packets are also available at this meeting upon request. This year's theme is "Together We Can" and the category for submissions is Visual Arts. The entry deadline is Friday, Dec. 10. Please direct all inquiries to Carrie Cortés-Monroy at ccortes-monroy@msn.com.
- **Fall Carnival**—our committee sponsored an art activity related to the Mexican holiday "El día de los muertos"/The Day of the Dead. It was very successful and fun! Consider this our fall/winter Family Art Night and look forward to a larger event in the spring.
- Thank Brian and Cortney Wright for donation of art supplies for Family Art Nights.

Sustainability Committee: Paula Reeves discussed what she learned about energy usage and Pioneer's is increasing.

Health & Fitness Committee: Stacey Brewster discussed the success of the 2nd annual Walk to School Day. 175 kids pledged to walk to school and 256 were counted that day.

Membership Committee: Noha Ginty reported that the directories are done. K-2 grades had good participation, but many families didn't participate in the directory. She asked where the directory should go from here.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14 p.m. Seconded. Approved.