

Enriching the Lives of the Pioneer Elementary School Family  
**Board Meeting Minutes September 28, 2010**

**Welcome, Introduction:** The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. Those in attendance were Tiffin Moreno, Kristen Jaudon, Colleen Madden, Randy Gunderson, Jeanne Trantum, Carrie Cortes-Monroy, Denise LaFlamme, Drew Wellner, Erin McDonnell, Jennifer Johnson, Erica Baker, Molly McGinty, Cassie Welliver, Lisa Perle, Michelle Penrod, Deb Came, Wendy Morissette, Lauren Danner, Noha Gindy, Amy Riggs and Randy Weeks.

**Secretary's Report:** We have a quorum. Colleen Madden moves to approve the May board meeting minutes. Second. Approve.

**Treasurer's Report:** Randy presented the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for July through August 2010

**Action Items:**

- Confirm goals. 1) Strengthen our community. 2) Continue opportunities for environmental awareness. 3) Examine and implement programs for increased arts involvement. Colleen moves to approve goals. Second. Approve.
- Changes proposed to the Standing Rules
  - the removal of the Federal Employee Tax Identification number,
  - rounding membership dues either up or down to the nearest dollar amount, and
  - replacing the word "family" for "household" throughout the Standing Rules.Amy Riggs moves to approve. Second. Approve.

**President's Report:** There are introductions of Board and Committee Chairs and discussion of the motion and approval process.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership Committee:** The initial campaign for new members is going well and ends Oct. 1. New members can join throughout the year. There are a record number of kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade parents joining the PTA. At the end of Oct / beginning of Nov. the school directories should be out. The newsletter will show the directory's winning cover.

**Programs Committee** has scheduled the following assemblies:

- Taproot Theater presents *Treasure Ally* (Bullying Prevention and Friendship); January 19, 2:00 p.m.
- *Wunderglobe: Toy Stories Around the Whirled* presented by Rick Hartman; May 27, 2:00 p.m. Committee is planning on scheduling other assemblies that represent dance and music with a multi-cultural influence, science and the environment, and opera or theater. We also are planning several family nights:
- International Fair; December 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Pioneer gymnasium
- Reading nights, safety focus week, and other environmentally focused family events  
Committee is planning the following programs within the budget:

- Parent classes with JennyAnn Wheeler from 6-8 p.m. at Pioneer library with childcare in the gym; Oct. 7, Nov. 17, and May 25
- Flu Clinic; Oct. 13 from 5-8 p.m. at Pioneer. Open to entire Olympia community. Must preregister/prepay by Oct. 5 at [www.flubusters.com/pta](http://www.flubusters.com/pta) or 1(866) 782-3014
- PTA Arts Reflections recognition program\*; *Family Art Night Reflections Kick Off* planned for the end of Oct. with a student entry deadline of Dec. 10

\*\* Programs Committee plans to put \$100 from Programs budget toward Reflections, which they will consider within the realm of Programs.

#### **Arts Committee:**

1. Committee is seeking new members. The next meeting on Oct. 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pioneer library.
2. Committee plans to implement the PTA Arts Reflections program designed to enhance quality arts education for students. Participants submit entries in one or more of the following categories: musical composition, dance choreography, visual arts, and literature. Winning entries are selected for submission to district, then on to state and national levels. This year's theme is "**Together We Can**".
3. A Family Art Night Reflections Kick Off is planned for the end of October (DTBA). (The committee plans to use \$75 from the Arts Night budget for this event.) Here students will be inspired by local artists to submit works of art, as well as participate in hands-on activities directly related to the four categories. Parents, please consider sharing your artistic expertise, your time in planning the event, or forwarding an artist contact. Contact Carrie Cortes-Monroy at [ccortes-monroy@msn.com](mailto:ccortes-monroy@msn.com).
4. Committee is planning on continuing with the school play. Cassie Welliver presents information about staying with Capital Playhouse or switching to the Olympia Family Theater because of cost. There is discussion about allowing kids from the lower grades to participate or keeping it for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Walking Program:** The International Walk to School Day is on Wednesday, Oct. 6. Volunteers are needed to help at intersections. The intersection with the most students will be led by Principal Weeks. Oct. 6 kicks off the Rock n' Roll Wednesdays. Donations are needed for the walking track. The Committee is interested in bringing a nutritionist to discuss healthy snacks.

**Website:** There are changes to Pioneer's website, which includes:

- Number of users to the website
- New visitors to the website
- Future changes to make it more user-friendly

#### **Principal's Report:**

- None. Held for General Meeting.

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

- Amy Riggs moves to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Second. Approve.