

Enriching the Lives of the Pioneer Elementary School Family
General Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2010

Welcome and Introduction:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Those in attendance were Tiffin Moreno, Randy Gunderson, Kristen Jaudon, Colleen Madden, 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, Joe Ingoglia, Lori Nesmith, Stacy Brewster, Christine Butler, Kathy Swanstrom, Jackie Bulldis, Nick Bulldis, Spencer Olmsted, Carolyn Whitaker, Candice Holcombe, Kathy Cutlip, Will Calliccoat, Jeana Calliccoat, Lynn Hutchinson, Karen Cordero, David Cordero, Amber Howard, Kami Franklin, Niquette Kelcher, Kristin Bradshaw, Alice Kane, Laurie Murphy, Becky Hellman Kandra Barrett, Laura Barber, Christine Pennington, Jennifer Meyer, Jane Lirio, Stacey Anderson, Jennifer Haley, Heather Christenson, Denise Pantelis and Randy Weeks.

Secretary's Report: We have a quorum. Lori Nesmith moves to approve the April general meeting minutes. Second. Approve.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Ingoglia recommends the membership chair be available for the review of new members. All financial reports were closed from the previous school year (2009-10). Erin McDonnell moves to approve the financial review. Second. Approve.

Action Items:

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

President's Report: There are vacant committee chair positions now and will be more at the end of the school year – Jr. Programs, Talent Show, Yearbook, Recycling, Holiday Wreath and Room Parents. Checks have been issued for Teacher Start Up Funds. It is \$125 for full-time teachers and \$62.50 for half time teachers.

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 1st 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.
- *Wonderglobe: 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 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.

Fall Festival: It will be held 5 – 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23. Volunteers are needed. The committee meets at 6 p.m., Thursday nights at Bally-hoo, or people can sign up to volunteer through the website.

eScrip: The program ends Oct. 9. If \$2,000 is collected then Safeway will donate \$1,000. People can register at eScrip.com.

Walking Program: International Walk to School Day is on Wednesday, Oct. 6. They seek adult volunteers 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. They seek donations for the walking track. They are looking into bringing in a nutritionist to discuss healthy snacks.

Spirit Wear: Examples of clothing with Pioneer's design is shown. Volunteers are needed to pick up order forms and money.

Principal's Report: Principal Weeks introduces himself and discusses his background – family, education. He discusses the teaching practices of the school, recognizes the strong support of the Pioneer community and strength of staff.

Meeting Adjourned: Move to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Second. Approve.