

Enriching the Lives of the Pioneer Elementary School Family
General Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2011

Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Those in attendance were Jim Wark, Juna Belolin, Daniel Brittain, Betsy DeBoer, Kathy Swanstrom, Gus Powell, Amy Powell, Jenny Mellema, Michele Zukerberg, Matt Mishkind, Leta Hankins, Emily Saunders, Niquette Kelcher, Heather McPherson, Casey Clishe, Denise Krone, Lisa Steel, Nikki McCoy, Sean McCoy, Jeana Calliccoat, Will Calliccoat, Tami Neilson, David Forsberg, Christine Rayburn, Jeff Gruber, Emily Calhoun Petrie, Mandy Freds, Paula Reeves, Erica Baker, Susan Champagne, Kristen Jaudon, Kandra Barrett, Erin McDonnell, Carie Bussey, Gisella Santiago-Gronko, Joe Ingoglia, David Cordero, Randy Weeks, Randy Gunderson, Jennifer Meyer.

Secretary's Report: We have a quorum. Erin McDonnell moved to approve the May 24, 2011 general meeting minutes as written. Seconded. No discussion. Approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Randy Gunderson recommended that the 3 amendments to the budget approved by voice vote by the PTA Board (i.e. to (1) increase miscellaneous expenses from \$100 to \$285, (2) to increase the teacher startup item from \$2,000 to \$2,250, and (3) to increase the walking program item from \$600 to \$973) be approved by the members. David Forsberg moved to approve. Seconded. Discussion. Approved by voice vote.

Action Items:

- Gisella Santiago-Gronko talked about the Budget review.
- Michelle Zukerberg moved that the Pioneer PTA standing rules be approved. Seconded. Approved by voice vote.

President's Report: Joe Ingoglia announced that the goal for the PTA for this year was to make Pioneer the best school in the State of Washington. Joe Ingoglia announced that volunteers were needed for: Talent Show chair, eScrip, Reader board, assistant for Junior Programs, and the Nominating Committee.

Principal's Report: Principal Randy Weeks announced that there was a problem with communication in that the voice message system was down, that there will be new wiring, and that there is a change this year with having the students line up in the Gym before school now rather than in the front entrance. Principal Randy Weeks discussed PBIS. Principal Randy Weeks announced that the MAP test results are back for 4th and 5th graders and the scores were great again. Principal Randy Weeks indicated that 5 or 6 volunteers were needed to be on the site team council to help on the nights of PTA meetings 2 hours a month, and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Reports:

- Membership Committee: David Cordero reported that there were 201 members signed up so far. David Cordero announced that next week a contest starts for the cover of the membership directory. The deadline will be October 4, 2011.

- Programs: Susan Champagne announced that she is doing a survey for what is needed from the teachers and that if you feel strongly about a subject, send Susan an e-mail at champshs@comcast.net. Susan Champagne announced that there will be the Candyce Bollinger parenting class on October 4, 2011 in the library @ 6:30 p.m. and the topic will be Parent-Child Communication. There was a discussion about paying babysitters and putting that in the budget.
- Fall Festival: Jeff Gruber and Denise Krone announced that Fall Festival will be October 21, 2011, which is a teacher-in-service day. They announced that all the old traditions will be there and that new this year is they are going to pre-sell tickets and there will be a raffle. The Fall Festival will be 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Jeff Gruber announced that there will be a rally on Friday, October 7, 2011 at Jeff's house for all key volunteers, concessions, games, cake walk, etc. There was some discussion about using the Reader board to advertise.
- Healthy Lifestyles: Carie Bussey announced that the walking committee is working together now on a Fun Run at Ingersoll for Friday, June 8, 2012, on a monthly motivation run, appreciation day, pumpkin run, etc. Carie Bussey announced that next Wednesday Walk & Roll kicks off. Carie Bussey discussed an assembly to bring in runners, bring athletic chips for the track (30 yards), donate a tree!! Daniel Brittain (para-educator at Pioneer) discussed an early morning yoga and nutrition program 8:10 – 8:50 a.m. once a week \$40 per month. All ages K-5 teaching poses with a very advanced yoga man.
- Language Program: Carie Bussey announced that she was talking for Katie Randall and that there would be Spanish for sure. Both age groups will be offered 8:10 – 8:50 a.m. twice a week. 10 kids at least are needed to run a new language or an afternoon program.
- Yearbook: Leta Hankins announced that she needed a parent coordinator for each class to gather photos of kids, a volunteer to take pictures of special events and gather photos, and a financial person.
- Sustainability: Erica Baker discussed how PSA could support our efforts and also discussed recharging batteries.
- Junior Programs: Niquette Kelcher announced that she was looking for a co-chair. Erin McDonnell clarified that the PTA is not paying for all of the Junior Programs but the PTA is asking for money also for Junior Programs contributions but PTA will cover the rest of the costs. It was announced that the school play is not in the PTA budget this year but that if a parent wants to put on a play with a group, then go for it!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:26 p.m.