

Enriching the Lives of the Pioneer Elementary School Family
General Meeting Minutes September 29, 2009

Welcome, Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

Secretary's Report

- Quorum is established.
- Lauren moves to approve the August Minutes. Second. Motion carried.

Guest Speaker

- Bill Williams, the WA State PTA Executive Director gave a presentation. The main focus was the proposed initiative 1033 and its pros and cons. The State PTA opposes 1033 because it will lock in cuts to the budget well into the future. He urges our members to go to no1033.com to learn more about why the State PTA opposes the measure.

Action Items

- Doug made a motion that the Pioneer PTA support the state PTA in opposition of 1033. Motion carried. Our PTA has endorsed the states's PTA position.
- The Board approved and amended a change to the standing rules regarding grant eligibility, which needs to be approved by 2/3 of the general membership. Erin moves to approve. Second. All in favor. Motion is approved with 2/3 membership as amended.
- The membership confirmed the goals of the PTA board for the year: 1) Broaden our community for the sake of our children. 2) Increase environmental awareness. 3) Examine possibilities for increased arts involvement. Lauren moves to approve the goals discussed in the board meeting. Second. Motion passed.

Principal's Report

- Pioneer has 361 students this year. Pioneer's population is stable compared to the rest of the district, which is down.
- Jan Josephson has agreed to stay at Pioneer for another year on a smaller contract.
- Signe Feeney is a retired teacher who will be teaching in Ms. Ryan's class on Friday.
- Finalizing school improvement plan. Designed to be grade level specific.
- Get Up and Get Moving will begin in October.

Treasurer's Report

- Not much going on, but the membership monies are coming in.
- Financial Review Committee Recommendations have been enacted.

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Programs

- Assembly budget is \$3,000. This will get us six or seven solid assemblies. For example this fall, we will have Nicky McClure a local artist and Motivational Productions. You can see what your child saw at the Motivational Productions assembly on their website.

Fundraising

- The Auction is tentatively February 19. The Theme is the Winter Olympics.

Committee Reports

- Walktober. This is a program to encourage kids to walk to school. The 5th graders are encouraged to take on a leadership role. Denis Pantelis is leading this effort.
- Passport now has enrichment coordinators who will help enhance the passport activities.
- Tiffin Moreno, as Volunteer Coordinator, encourages you to periodically check the PTA website for needed volunteer opportunities.
- Mariah Armenia is leading a new recycling program through an organization called Terracycle. Check out their website at <http://www.terracycle.net/>. Mariah will be setting up disposal sites for the students to put their drink pouches and we will receive 2 cents for every pouch. ANY drink pouch. Families at home can collect them and send them in. Terracycle in turn, recycles the pouches into useable items.
- Fall Carnival needs volunteers! Contact Sunny Hougan 534-9491.
- Cispus. Ryan Hall is raising money to help save Cispus for the 5th graders this year. The goal is to raise \$49,000 by December. This figure is for all 5th graders in our community. Currently, the 5th graders are selling lightbulbs. They will also be selling food at the fall carnival. They welcome pie donations.

The Art Work submissions for the directory were voted on by general meeting members. There were roughly 100 submissions.

Doug moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:21. Second. Meeting adjourned.