

PTA Meeting Minutes November 18, 2014

Excused:

In attendance: Stina Van Cott, Jen Fairbanks, Julie Matern, Elizabeth Martin, Harmony Saunders

Dr Higgins, Allison Plummer, Wendy Condie, Andrea Parks, Brittney Gardner, J Reissen

Call to order: Jen F 9:40am

Pledge and thought: Jen F Gratitude – grateful for board

Approval of October's minutes: Julie M Motion to approve: Jen F Second: Allison P October minutes stand approved

Treasurer's report: Jenelle H – i) Amend budget for banners Motion to amend budget: Jenelle H Second: Allison

Vote: after discussion. Ayes have it. Amendment has passed.

ii) \$998 sponsorship mostly. Checks outstanding. Email them to see if lost it. Can we put – 'void if not cashed within 60 days' on checks? Yes.

Commissioners reports

1. President's report: Jen F

- i) update on fundraiser run – Decided to not hire the ladies because of strict confidentiality agreement. Amendment: Jen motions - To not use Jogathon ladies. Second -Jenelle. Vote after discussion: Ayes win. Motion passes. Discussion: prizes encourage people to level up to get the chance at big prizes Goal to make \$30 000. Would spend \$3000 on prizes which is 10%. Suggested prizes for everyone who raises these amounts: \$25 – oriental trading toy; \$50 – poss card for Orange leaf kid cup; \$75 – movie pass; \$100 - \$10 amazon card. Would have grand prize draws for each level too. Will buy big prizes on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. The other prizes can be bought later. \$100 people will get chance at \$100 prize. Everyone will get a prize of some kind. Price tier structure was the Jogathon ladies incentive.
- ii) reading program – meeting tomorrow - Dr Higgins with teachers. Will be in February between book fair and battle of books.
- iii) Author sponsor – all schools being asked. Would share the cost \$1500. Discussion: Would like to see his work before agreeing to host. We have our own author who is free and the kids know him. After googling he seems appropriate for 5th and 6th only. Decision NOT to support.
- iv) PTA meeting in December – lunch instead? On Dec 8 in library. Replace Dec 16 meeting. Good way to get to know people who will be helping with activities in the coming year. Good advertising for PTA. Open invitation. Go through room moms. 'Ridgeline volunteer lunch'. \$75 budget. Evite with RSVP.

2. President Elect report: Allison P

3. Principal's report:

- i) Sage testing – school did well. We'll get better. Know how to improve. Mid 60's which was great compared to State. Before we were in the low 90's. Test is more difficult. Kids will rise to the challenge. Report card for school isn't here yet. Interim testing will be done in Jan. Is a chart on back of report which shows where your child is in relation to state. Future scores will be added to this graph after each test so you can see progress.

ii) Chrome books – We are buying some. They meet our needs better than I pads. These are better for testing purposes. Secure. \$14-16000. We have \$10,000 left from trust funds and other places. We will apply for permission to use text book money for the remainder. It's basically a lap top. \$320 each. Takes less steps to get to testing site. Can practice the test with this. Ipad slides in keypad. Can use them for research like a computer year round too.

4. Visit from State Superintendent Dr Henshaw.- thank you for all you do.

Forum with PTA's and Heads.

Questions?

1. Is a drawing the same as a raffle? Will get back to you.

- 1. Buses – big issue for our school. Was on the News. New bus stops. DR Horton has backed down. Suncrest. People like new stops but not happy about how it all happened. When snow comes may be new problems.
- 2. Community meeting at Lone Peak about suicide was well done. Thank you for feedback.

4. Teacher's report: Mrs Gardner i) Halloween parties great.
ii) Teachers rejected alphabet idea for dads and donuts. Too disruptive.
Let parents know if can only come once a year can pull kids out of other grades. Give mother who complained this feedback and let her know doesn't work for school.
iii) Teachers were happy with results of sage testing. Logistics were tricky last year. The chrome books will help with that.
iv) Jen asked for feedback on prizes for teachers for Ridgeline Run. Please ask what prize would like for most donations per grade. Massage or food or date night pack? Teachers like gift cards. Please give us feedback. Let teachers know will fund classroom donations if raise enough money. Also pizza party for classes that have 100% participation.
How do we ask for Run packets without annoying teachers? Mrs Parks will go collect at 2:30pm if Dr Higgins approves.

5. Leadership training: Harmony S - i) training – parliamentary procedure for nominating committee. Don't have to second. Jen asked three people. Mindi Beck, Callie Bott and Allison Plummer. Alternates, Cara Lowe and Roxie Driggs – they will need to be members in order to be on committee. Need to be a member for 30 days before February.
Standing rules say three members on nominating committee.

1. Suicide meeting report : prevention, intervention, post. Stats: Suicide is highest cause of death for kids aged 10-17. Every day 2 suicides in state of Utah. 20 000 made a plan, 12000 attempted. Change language from commit to 'die by'. Want pain to go away. Don't understand it is permanent.

Causes: Divorce, depression, hopelessness, isolation and no experience with failure.

Prevention: Talk to your kids. Will not plant a seed. Don't talk about past deaths but talk about looking for someone at risk and helping them. Your kid is going to school with those kids and can help prevent it. If suspect someone call police and principals. Mrs Parks says Ridgeline is not immune to this.

Signs of danger: Giving stuff. 80% of people show signs. Depressed, withdrawn.

Is a hot line at high school. Peer to peer too counselors. State is training city councils, police and schools. Takes a city for prevention.

6. Yearbook: Meeting with Herff Jones this Friday at 9:15am. Anyone interested is welcome to come.

7. Calender of upcoming events: November: 21 Nov Dads and donuts
Dec 17 Christmas parties K
19 Christmas parties

8. Date of next meeting: Dec 8 at 11:00am – 1:00pm Luncheon

Meeting adjourned: 10:49am