

Rieke PTA Meeting  
October 12, 2011

### Meeting Attendance (21)

Renee Limon, Jamie Repasky, Curtis Roth, Scott Eddy, Anne Eddy, Skye Leybold, Erika Pollock, Melissa Sanders, Susan Jewell, Jeff Dobbins, Tania Geiger, Kim Gould, Shannon Pullen, Kelly Laboe, Annette Dietz, Sharon Scheurer, Lorrie Biggs, Wendy Lear, Erin Barnett, Ruth White, Andrea Porter

- 1) Membership Update  
We currently have 166; goal of 233 (67 to go!) Membership is important so that we can have strong representation for advocating at local, state and national levels for our children.
- 2) Unit in Good Standing status  
Ruth gave an overview of Unit in Good Standing Report. She will provide an update at each meeting.
- 3) Finance and Budget Report  
Wendy Lear gave a financial update. She reported income of \$3,423 YTD (\$27,000 budgeted). Please see attached PowerPoint for further information.
- 4) Parent Education Series  
Joan Marquis, of Portland Public Schools, will speak on Guiding Good Choices at the Rieke Library at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a free lecture.  
Next Up: Trudy Ludwig “Stop Bullying”
- 5) Student Enrichment Report  
There are several after school activities currently available. The Eco Think Science Enrichment program is being led by parent Jamie Repasky. There is a survey re: more student enrichment programs for the rest of this year.
- 6) Principal’s Report  
Andrea reviewed the incident that took place on Tuesday and how smoothly everything went. Andrea is certified in FEMA Incident Command training. The school staff practices safety drills and everyone knew what do.

Re: Further investigation – Portland Police is taking all the information related to previous incidents that have happened at Wilson, Robert Gray and other places in the area to examine the bigger picture. John Ramero is the Portland Police Incident Officer assigned to Rieke.

There was a discussion about the bathrooms and safety.

We were granted an additional teacher. Andrea has assigned him to first grade. Eric Swehla comes with 12 years of experience and is well known. He comes with a great reputation. His official start day is Monday. He will set up his class on Monday and Tuesday, and kids will start in the new class on Wednesday.

Andrea will call families starting Thursday afternoon and Friday to alert them if their child will be moving. It is the parents' role to tell their kids about the move.

The District also gave us 0.1 FTE for PE which allows us to offer PE for 3 full days. Andrea will be revising the schedule.

Student Council elections took place last week. The leadership team of the Student Council met with their advisor Lisa Taylor to plan their first event: they will greet and sign people in for Grandparent's Day. The Student Council leadership team will start planning Spirit Day. Student Council leadership representatives will start attending the PTA meetings starting in November.

There is an Open House at the Multnomah Center on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 PM regarding potential sidewalk projects around the city. We need folks to attend and express interest in putting in sidewalk on Sunset to make it a safe route to school.

421 is the current student count.

#### 7) New Business

Chess Club is starting November 2<sup>nd</sup> and is open to everyone.

A parent asked to put the playground on the PTA's agenda. We need someone to take the lead on this issue if we are going to make it a PTA priority. A community garden also came up in the discussion. Wilson High School has expressed interest in partnering with us on a joint garden project. Again, we need someone to take the lead. We will send an email blast to look for volunteers for both issues.

***Next PTA meeting is on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.***