

Rieke PTA Meeting  
November 9, 2011

### Meeting Attendance (19)

Stan Martin, Anna Miramontes, Dick Hausken, Jeff Schlimgen, Anne Eddy, Erin Barnett, Melissa Sanders, Nellie McCarthy, Jamie Repasky, Renee Limon, Katie Unflat, Cindy Eldkrona, Shannon Pullen, Heidi Worden, Sharon Meieran, Andrea Porter, Stephanie Wicker, Steve Parker, Curtis Roth

#### 1) Membership Update

We currently have 168; goal of 233 (65 to go!) Membership is important so that we can have strong representation for advocating at local, state and national levels for our children. Last year we reached 212 members. Sharon reviewed reasons for joining the PTA and held discussion on barriers to joining.

#### 2) Unit in Good Standing status

Sharon gave an overview of Unit in Good Standing Report. Everything is on target.

#### 3) Finance and Budget Report

Sharon gave a financial update. She reported income of \$3,423 YTD (\$27,000 budgeted). Expenses \$14,682 (\$22,080 budgeted). September P/L -<\$11,259>.

#### 4) Mark Your Calendar

Parent Education Series: Nationally known Trudy Ludwig will speak on "Stop Bullying" on Tuesday, January 31 6:30 PM. This is a free lecture.

Service Project: 30 people will participate at the emergency food pantry Neighborhood House on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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.

There were 45 responses to the Student Enrichment survey. Results showed a high interest in math and science programs such as Math Adventures and Lego Robotics. There was also significant interest in drama and art. It was suggested that each class run 6 weeks and each class run for 1 hour. Due to space availability a maximum of five classes can run at a time. Sharon M is working on a calendar of the PTA class offerings and non-PTA class offerings. Jamie Repasky, Katie Sengstake and Nellie McCarthy will form a committee to compile all the details for each class option.

- 6) SCRIP – Katie Sengstake is the SCRIP Coordinator. When you buy SCRIP you are buying gift cards with a % of the total going to the school. Katie sells InstaSCRIP for common carriers and is actively promoting SCRIP. November 14<sup>th</sup> is the next deadline.

7) Principal's Report

At conference teachers will be presenting Progress Reports instead of report cards. They will focus on each child's strengths and challenges. This work reflects the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reporting. Parents will receive a written report instead of a report card. The first report card will be completed in February. Instead of report cards every 9 weeks as in the past there will be 3 report cards and 1 progress note this year.

Student Council is sponsoring a food and sock drive in conjunction with Service Club for the Winter Holiday Drive. The food and sock drive will last 3 weeks. Service Club will focus on procuring gifts/gift cards. Student Council joined Wilson government at a tailgater on October 28th. They sold books and assisted with a food drive. The book sale made \$12.

Andrea attended a Partnership meeting at Lewis and Clark College. The schools in the Wilson cluster have been working with Lewis and Clark for the past year to promote a partnership between the college campus and our schools. This year, Rieke has 4 student teachers and 1 student counselor from Lewis and Clark. A grant was awarded for community partnerships which may bring some college tutors to support after school opportunities and/or tutors during the school day.

Andrea asked for more tutors, after school support (i.e. homework help club), counseling. L & C is starting a counseling clinic on Barbur for local families to offer counseling for kids, families and marriage counseling.

***Security update for here and at neighboring schools:*** Gray and Jackson had break-ins. At Maplewood a laptop was stolen during the day. The fake bomb that was found outside of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade modular is from a game called Slater Ball that the high school kids do after dark on the weekends. The ball snapped off. There has been "tagging" in the neighborhood.

Officer John Romero is our new School Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Aubrey Robinson retired last June.

Nellie commented that the parking area is dark.

Stephanie Corbett is our new Basis Skills Support provider. She started 2 weeks ago and is based out of Room 15.

8) New Business

Next PTA meeting is on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.