

**Sacajawea Elementary PTA Board and General Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 9, 2016 – 6:00pm – Media Center**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Katie Jeffries.

**Secretary:** Stephanie Seley presented the February meeting minutes. Minutes were approved.

Stephanie Dees from Farmers Insurance passed out information regarding \$2,500 grants that are available online from Farmers for Teachers. She reported that Sacajawea received a \$100 grant for items for our Read-Across America Week Guest Reader Day.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karie Rinker and Teddy Raines reported. Sealed February statements opened by Heather Lindberg. Umpqua Bank balance as of February 29th was \$16,276.68. Umpqua CD balance as of February 29th was \$16,136.43. February 11th AmazonSmile deposit of \$22.73. One unbudgeted funds request from Cherie Kurtzbein in the amount of \$50-100 for indoor recess room supplies/toys/games. Brandi Dymont motioned to approve reimbursement of the money already spent, up to a total amount of \$75 out of the miscellaneous budget line. Heather Lindberg seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Principal's Report:** Travis Bond reported. Travis, Angela Arnett and Cristi Wikstrom met with Todd Hornstein about the paved path in February. There is the option to go ahead with it now, or possibly have it included during a remodel if the February 2017 Bond is approved. He would like to see a discussion on this at a later time to consider all possible options. He shared that the Teachers/Staff took a survey to open a dialog about wish list items. They want to inspire students and we all want students at Sacajawea to be successful. No one has their heart set on one thing or another, we are just gathering information so we can come to the best decision for the school and for our kids. We want to hear from everyone. We are also working on a staff code of conduct. We know you want the best for our kids and we have that in common. Angela Arnett commented that the paved path has been a designated line item in the PTA budget for approx. five years. The PTA Budget is voted on every year, typically in the spring and the fall. PTA also asks for long term goals every spring. Survey was requested to be sent out to the entire school community through the school's email, instead of through the PTA email to reach everyone.

**Teacher's Report:** Jodi Church reported on a staff wish list survey. 40 staff responded to the survey, and the priorities for the staff were 5 iPads per classroom (K-2), iPads in a cart (K-4th), risers, alternate classroom seating, a smaller basketball hoop on the playground, a mascot, smaller hopscotch lines painted on playground, a VeraTemp thermometer for the health room, iReady lessons, folding chairs for the gym, a kiln for the art teacher, and a paved path. Report cards are going home next Friday. There was discussion about a past risers request, followed by the suggestion to appoint a committee to look further into staff needs and how to help as a PTA.

**Nominating Committee:** Susan Normington reported that she, Cristi Wikstrom, Heather Lindberg were the Nominating Committee. The following PTA members were nominated: Lora Harrell and Brandi Dymont for Co-President, Stephanie Seley for Vice President, Zuka Haarberg for Secretary, and Teddy Raines and Karie Rinker for Co-Treasurers. The opportunity for further nominations from the floor was provided. Names were read again, and the candidates were unanimously voted into office.

**Active Committee Reports:**

**Awards:** Katie Jeffries reported the WSPTA Nomination Forms for Golden Acorn (Volunteer), Outstanding Advocate and Outstanding Educator Awards will be sent home and available in April – please take the time to nominate a deserving individual from Sacajawea.

**Book Fair Reading Night:** Karie reported that the Reading Night will be April 14th, flyer going home this Friday, theme is "Feelin' Groovy" and it is the buy one get one free book fair.

**Clothes and Book Swap:** Cristi Wikstrom reported that the Swap will be April 14th, the week after Spring Break. Flyer will be going home on Friday.

**Carnival:** Angela Arnett reported that the Carnival will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. Will get together with Tammi Hoffman soon to talk about games and new game ideas. Need to order prizes, and raffle and buy-a-bid begins the end of April. We always need a lot of help with this event!

**Math and Science Night:** Katie Jeffries reported that Math and Science Night was awesome and every kid was able to go to every station and take their time. It was busy and a really nice event.

**Mariners:** Cristi Wikstrom reported. Mariners vs. Royals game will be Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm. Orders were due March 1st. Sold 66 tickets (the most ever sold), 11 families going. Mariners upgraded our tickets to accommodate our group.

**Partnership Nights:** Heather Lindberg reported we made \$177.42 at Five Guys Burgers and Fries. McDonalds McTeacher Night will be next Monday.

**Spring Fundraiser:** Angela Arnett reported that she, Karie Rinker, and Teddy Raines collected tickets for ducks this morning. Packets have gone home and Monday is the deadline, so the envelopes will be due back Monday, the 14th. We will need help sorting cookie dough. Volunteer via Signup Genius.

**Staff Appreciation:** Lora and Brandi are ready for staff appreciation week, which will be April 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bike to School Week:** Heather Lindberg reported. There will be events each day, helmet fittings.

### **Ongoing Committee Reports:**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee:** Brandi and Katie Jeffries reported. T-shirts are being ordered. Popcorn/Licorice/Dilly Bars sales have raised over \$1,500. We always need licorice, Heather and Andy Devereaux donate a lot. Angie Miles is helping with the legacy gift at the buy one, get one free book fair.

**Donations:** Angela Arnett reported that Cristi has been helping. We want everything back by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Any help would be greatly appreciated. If someone would like to do a Silent Auction then please contact Angela. The flyer has to be finished by mid-April. Classroom baskets may be done by grade this year, need to know by spring break. Donations need to have an expiration date a year from the event.

**Legislative:** Heather Lindberg reported. Session ended, nothing happening.

**Membership:** Wendi Stone reported that we have 2 new members, and we have applied for the 100% teacher membership award.

**Newsletter:** Brianna Welburn reported that the newsletter will be out soon.

**Rewards:** Sarah Johnston submitted box tops on the 29<sup>th</sup> for \$617. 90. Cristi Wikstrom reported Mrs. Hoffman's class won the contest and their popcorn party is tomorrow. We have 6950 points for Labels for Education. Mrs. Baybado will get her encyclopedias using these points. Susan Normington reported that we received \$22.73 from AmazonSmile (Oct-Dec 2015). Received Grocery Outlet check for \$118 and \$106.69 from Fred Meyer. Need new Rewards Chair next year.

**Spiritwear:** Brandi reported that the order is with vendor, in the next two weeks we should have the orders back and then they will be distributed.

**Website/Facebook:** Stephanie Seley reported. If your website links to the old PTA site please update the URL to the new website ([www.sacpta.com](http://www.sacpta.com)).

**Other Business:** Heather Lindberg presented recess recommendations. She would like to see the PTA take a stance on this issue. These recommendations include recess before lunch, not denying recess for academics, adequate space and supplies, adequate staff, and at least two 15 minutes recesses. Angela Arnett and Brandi Dymont asked how Heather would like to proceed. Heather requested a vote to adopt the recommendations. Susan Normington motioned to adopt recommendations, Zuka Haarberg seconded. Voice vote was taken, the motion did not pass. A show of hands vote count was then requested, seven members voted to adopt the motion. Before a count from those not in favor of the motion was taken, David Phelan motioned to table the vote, and move forward with a discussion first, and Susan seconded the motion. Mr. Bond acknowledged the recommendations and said they would be taken into consideration. It was suggested that a committee to work with Mr. Bond be put together and anyone interested contact Heather Lindberg.

**Announcements:** Vancouver Council PTA Nominating Committee Report will be announced at the March 14th meeting at 11:30 am. The WSPTA Convention will be May 20-22 in Yakima, WA. First spring school grounds clean-up at the school will be on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm by Katie Jeffries.