

Sacajawea Elementary PTA Board and General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 18, 2015 – 6:00pm – Media Center

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm by Katie Jeffries.

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

Treasurer's Report: Karie Rinker and Teddy Raines reported. Sealed October statements were opened by Susan Normington. Umpqua bank balance as of October 31st was \$24,299.39. Money Minder balance as of today is \$14,925.68. Umpqua CD balance as of October 31st is \$16,102.31, which matches the amount in Money Minder. Taxes are completed, filed and available for review. Money Minder is paid and working great. New report called the Treasurer's Report and the Reconciliation Report were printed to find everyone's preference. Group preferred the Treasurer's Report. Update on the unbudgeted funds request from Anndrea Eagle: Books were ordered, and the PTA Executive Officers agreed to pay the additional \$75.00 shipping cost.

Principal's Report: Travis Bond reported. Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. Large orders will be coming in of college gear, flags, shirts, etc. These were paid for by grants. The 5th grade adopted the Portland Pilots and will be taking a field trip over to the campus. We are going to prepare every student we serve for college, in case they want to attend. It's not just for a certain groups, we're informing all children of their options. We are creating a culture of universal achievement and no student will be left behind due to their circumstances. We need to know students by need and name. The first step is helping the critical mass believe in the system. When you believe your students can achieve anything, it will change how you teach them. We would appreciate help with hanging college flags, organizing t-shirts, etc. Susan Normington suggested having the College Savings Fund GET coming to the Math and Science Night and volunteered to look into it.

Teacher's Report: Jodi Church reported. Spoke with Wendi Stone about staff memberships. Jodi brought up the teacher membership award to the staff, and she's sent out two emails requesting staff to join the PTA. Discussed having one special PTA meeting after school so that more staff might attend. Travis suggested that we style it as a professional development time to share how to use PTA resources. Teddy Raines suggested holding a PTA meeting after an assembly in the cafeteria with muffins and coffee, maybe after a self-manager assembly to reach new parents. Another suggestion was having a PTA social.

Active Committee Reports:

Book Fair/Clothes and Book Swap: Karie Rinker reported that the Book Fair is December 1-3. Cristi Wikstrom reported that the volunteer flyer is going home on Friday for the Clothes and Book Swap. Another flyer went home recently announcing the event. Reading Night and Swap will be December 3rd.

Harvest Festival: Katie Jeffries reported. Harvest Festival was November 6th. It went very well. Bingo helped make the Gym and Cafeteria less crowded, and was a hit with students and parents.

Movie Night: Katie Jeffries reported. Chelsea Bybee volunteered to coordinate Movie Night.

Art to Remember: Katie Jeffries reported. Because this was our first year for this program, we had to start the program earlier in the school year than in years past (the only available dates). The earlier starting date, combined with several Monday early releases, made completion of the program more of a challenge for Cam Swarts and the students. The good news is we have over \$1,800 in online orders, and over \$2,000 in regular orders. We will get 25% of all sales. Brandi Dymont has volunteered to chair Art to Remember next year, and would like someone else to take over Spirit Wear. Brandi would also like to find a way to bring Kindergarten classes into the program.

Partnership Events: Katie Jeffries reported. Burgerville Night is Dec. 7th, 5-8 pm. We can use lots of help from staff, parents, 5th graders, or middle schoolers who went to Sacajawea.

Giving Tree: Stephanie Seley reported. The Giving Tree will be set up and ready to go for the book fair. The tags will only be for books, as everything else is being provided by other sources. We would still like items for household 15 household baskets.

Ongoing Committee Reports:

5th Grade Committee: Katie Jeffries reported. We will pick a date in December to do the next sale.

Membership: Wendi Stone reported. We have 108 members, 20 are staff. Our goal is 160.

Newsletter: Brianna Welburn reported. Deadline for December newsletter is Friday. There will be a giveaway in the newsletter, which will be a blue Skyhawk shirt.

Rewards: Cristi Wikstrom reported that Mrs. Church's class won the Box Tops and Labels popcorn party. \$518 was brought in during the fall contest. 816 labels for education points were sent in on November 1st. Cristi ordered playground balls and stop watches for teacher prizes for their classrooms. The indoor soccer arena donated all their used soccer balls to the school. Susan Normington reported that we got \$16.05 from Amazon Smile. Grocery Outlet sent our first check in the amount of \$64.93 for the first month for the Rewards Cards. Susan received a letter from Safeway that said we should expect monthly payments for eScrip until August.

Website/Facebook: Stephanie Seley reported that a website launch flyer will be going home in Friday folders, and the giveaway is on the website. Winner will be drawn on December 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 by Katie Jeffries.