

Sacajawea PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 19, 2015 – 3:00 p.m. – Media Center

Meeting called to order at 3:02 by Katie Jeffries.

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

Treasurer's Report: Teddy Raines reported along with Zuka Haarberg. Sealed June statement was opened by Heather Lindberg. Quicken balance as of today is \$11,372.16. Umpqua Bank statement as of June 30th is \$11,539.94. Escrow deposit for June was \$17.23.

Teddy Raines asked the Financial Review questions and Zuka Haarberg answered. Tentative 2015-2016 budget was discussed and will be presented for approval at the September meeting.

Principal/Teacher Report: Jodi Church reported for Travis Bond who was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. Be on the lookout for the Sacajawea Newsletter which will be mailed out on August 22nd. Kindergarten Jumpstart is off to a good start and continues through the 21st. Back to School Night is August 31st from 5-6:15. We are continuing to enroll new students, which drives staffing. Adjustments will continue to be made during this time.

Our new teachers are Elspeth Runyan, 5th grade; Anndrea Eagle, 2nd grade; Justine Warunek-Lane, 1st grade; and Becky Wiley, ECE PT/OT; and Glenn Baker, PE (along with Glenn Jones). Our new building operator is Daryn Mattson, Michelle Steele is moving from SCP to Cedar Lodge, Bernice Yarbrough is moving to Hawaii and her job is in process, and Abigale Wright will start the year subbing for Torri Phelan who is still on maternity leave. There are a lot of staffing changes, a lot of teachers moving to new classrooms, and a lot of work being done to get classrooms ready ahead of the school year.

Active Committee Reports

Family Fun Night: Katie Jeffries reported. The Harvest Festival will be held November 6th, and we need chair people. Wizard of Oz was suggested as a possible theme. Please let Katie know if you are interested in helping.

Fundraising: Angela Arnett reported. We will be doing both Payback Books and the Phantom Fundraiser for the Fall Fundraiser. There will be a booth at Back to School Night, and the Fall Fundraiser prizes will be items from the teacher's wish lists again this year. Themed baskets were suggested for classroom supplies. The Fall Fundraiser will run September 11-25.

Art to Remember: Katie Jeffries reported. Art to Remember will be replacing Original Works. Original Works narrowed down the list of the items we could order because we were not ordering enough items as a school. Katie reported that Tricia Judkins, Cam Swarts and Lora Harrell said they would be interested in helping.

Playground Equipment: Cristi Wikstrom reported, and confirmed that we wanted to continue with the program. Extra bins will be needed this year for new teachers and classrooms. Stephanie Seley volunteered to help Cristi with this program.

Spirit Wear: Katie Jeffries reported for Brandi Dymant. We will be selling blue shirts at Back to School Night and we will have order forms available for other colors. Katie will check to see if online ordering is up and running for teachers and parents interested in placing orders now.

Ongoing Committee Reports

5th Grade Committee: Katie Jeffries reported that we have 3 or 4 volunteers willing to help with 5th Grade Committee this year. May have enough interest to have a meeting in September.

Donations: Angela Arnett reported that she hasn't talked to Charity this summer and although she is working full-time now, we are hoping she will continue as Donations co-chair. There are donations leftover from the carnival so we can use those for Back to School Night and for the membership drawing.

Legislative: Heather Lindberg reported. Still no VPS budget after today's unproductive meeting. Teachers, unions and the public attended, but were not allowed to give public comment. The school board will be meeting again to pass the budget by August 31st.

Membership: Katie Jeffries reported for Wendi Stone. We will be doing membership sign-ups at Back to School Night.

Newsletter: Brianna Wellburn reported that she will be doing a monthly newsletter, which will continue to be called the *Skyhawk Scoop*.

New Business

PT Avenue: Katie Jeffries announced that we'd like to purchase the PTA's new financial and membership program called PT Avenue, which is \$199 per year. With the change in the treasurer position it's a good time to try a new system. The program includes the ability to send out mass texts and emails, a membership and volunteer database, and access to all the finances.

Standing Rules Change: Angela Arnett presented changing the wording for voting board members to include "Communications" and "Rewards", and to change the board meetings back to monthly meetings instead of bi-monthly. These changes will be passed out at the September 9th meeting for approval. (General Meetings are held at the direction of the board and will be scheduled at the same time as the monthly meetings to increase decision making capabilities.)

Travis Bond arrived at the end of the meeting. He said people are working hard and are ready to rock and roll when school starts on September 2nd. The newsletter will be sent out soon. Back to School Night will be August 31st and pizza will be provided for all students. Travis okayed the 2:30pm set up time for Back to School Night. Heather Lindberg asked Travis about the Walking School Bus, and they decided to have a sign up list at Back to School Night to find out the potential interest from students, parents and volunteers. The most important thing that teachers need for students to bring to Back to School Night is the Going Home Plan. The class that brings the most back will get a prize. On Friday Travis will know if they will need help with first day of school transportation. Angela Arnett requested a student count estimate for the Pay Back Books which Travis said he'd have by Friday.

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 by Katie Jeffries.