

**Snoqualmie Elementary School
PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 5, 2010**

Board Members Present:

Deborah Doy, President	Cori Pflug, Principal
Ahn Lee Horn, Legislative Chair	Angela Markley, Co-Treasurer
Laurie Fitzpatrick, Executive Member	Kim Arellano, Co-VP Fundraising
Marisa Snyder, Teacher Liaison	Staci Miller, Co-VP Fundraising
Cathy Killian, Executive Member	Ali Paredes, Executive Member
Mary Benham, Executive Member	Kim Ayars, Secretary
Kristi Wittress, Co-VP Enrichment	Robin Walbeck-Forrest, Co-VP Enrichment

Guests present were Joel Aune, School Superintendent, and Geoff Doy. They provided an informative presentation about the upcoming levy. Please see attachment for specifics on their appearance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 in the SES Library. The 12.01.09 Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. Two corrections were made. Ahn Lee moved to approve the minutes, Cathy seconded. The minutes were approved via voice.

Guest Speakers: Joel Aune and Geoff Doy gave an informative presentation about the 2010 Levy Propositions which will appear on the ballot February 9th. Please see attached notes for specifics on their appearance.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$84,744.36 cash on hand. \$1,470.05 have been paid out in teacher grants so far. There is \$14,000.00 left to pay on academic goal support. Deb will talk to the ASB next week to remind them that \$500 grant is available for their use.

SVPTSA/Legislative Report: Ahn Lee reminded the Board about Focus Day on Monday, January 18th. More significant cuts are on the way, and she emphasized bringing kids to show support for education. The rally on the Capitol steps will begin at 9:00 am which will include a photo opportunity. More information and a schedule of events can be found on the Washington State PTA website (www.wastatepta.org). SVPTSA Council will be hosting a "Principals and Presidents" reception on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 10:00am at Chief Kanim Middle School Library. This will be a time to share what works at each of the schools. The next SVPTSA Council general meeting will be Monday, January 25, 2010, 6:30pm at the District office. Agenda items include: Reflections awards, 100% Trained awards for local units, information on storage units, and a Facilities Task Force report from Don McConkey. Don McConkey will give a Facilities Task Force report (summary). Deborah mentioned that our nominating committee will be decided after boundary decisions for next year are made.

Teacher grants: The following teacher grants were approved via email consensus over the Winter Break:

- Deva Scott (\$180): Music and math fact software and money for the class auction.
- Karla Edwards (\$234.98): Digital camera and memory card.
- Suzanne Oney (\$200.00): "High interest/low readability" books from www.orcabook.com
- Sheena Nash (\$235.07): K-2 leveled books with audio cassettes and DRA Level A-6 book sets.

Marisa Snyder submitted a joint grant application with Ashley Beattie for a Flip video camera. Deb will send out another reminder for teachers to use their grant money.

Grants: We did not get the Games grant but they are sending us some games anyway. The Rotary grant expired on 12/31/09. This is an annual grant so we will pursue next year. Cori did get permission to proceed with the feasibility of awnings for the portables.

Old Business:

- **After School Insurance Programs:** Robin made forms and a flow chart! There will be two different registration forms – one for on-line and non-online. The vendor contract and parent/student contract defining expected behavior in after-school programs has been drafted. The board supported this form being completed by each student for each class. Robin will send out the forms for review. Please read and give Robin your feedback by the end of the week.
- **Math Night:** 5th graders are not doing the spaghetti feed that night, but instead at the Book Fair Family Night. There is a meeting January 6th at 9:30 to finalize details. Math Night is February 26.
- **Cookbook:** We have sold 336 out of 550. Next event is book fair and concerts. We have already made over \$1000 profit.
- **Membership:** Two more members have signed up bringing the total to 279. More membership cards have been received. Emerald City Smoothie on the Ridge wants to be a business member of PTSA. Deb will get the website changed to reflect business memberships. Someone stole Ali's thermometer. ☹
- **Assemblies:** Eric Ode coming on January 20 at 9:15. We get 1\$ back for every CD/Book he sells.
- **Reflections:** All done! Awards will be determined at next SVPTSA Council meeting.
- **Winter Bazaar:** The bazaar made about a \$3,000.00 profit. Display case needs to be changed.
- **Legos:** Registration forms are posted on the board in the hallway and online registration opened yesterday. A flyer will be in teacher boxes today.
- **After School Programs – Strings/Spanish:** Students from private schools will be allowed to take after school programs at SES, but SES students will have priority. The strings after school program will be start in February. Deb will follow up with Ali to verify that they have signed up as PTSA members. Spanish classes will be put on the back burner until spring until they can guarantee a backup instructor.
- **Ski Bus:** Starts Friday, registration is closed. There are 12 students from SES. The popcorn closet will be used to store equipment. Mary will let Mr. Mac, Shannon, and Michelle know.
- **PTSA Popcorn Takeover:** Kristi will engage Carmichels to see if they can supply us with product. We will vote on amending the budget to support popcorn at the general meeting.
- **New PTSA Name:** Our new name is "Snoqualmie Elementary PTSA 2.23". Angela will send off notifications to the IRS and other entities.
- **Spirit Fridays:** Kick off is in January. Thursday before school is out Cori will remind people to wear blue and white on Friday.

New Business:

- **Book Fair:** Book Fair is the week of the 25th. Deb and Jacque Gardner will talk later in the week about logistics. Spaghetti feed for 5th grade fundraiser will be from 6-8pm. They will not charging a per head fee, but instead asking for donations. Suggested donation was \$5/person. There will be no RSVP, and food is on a first come, first serve basis. Kitchen staff will need to be present. It was suggested that signage be created to explain Seabeck and advertise cost per child to go to Seabeck. . Mary will put the event on the reader board. Deb and Ahn Lee will ask Mari to change out display case to a book fair/cultural fair/spaghetti feed theme.
- **Fundraising:** Kim Arellano and Staci received an email from Deb regarding Emerald City Smoothie on the Ridge. They want to sponsor an "SES" day where a portion of the proceeds go

to PTSA. Kim and Staci have also engaged the North Bend Theatre for a movie night where all of proceeds go to PTSA. ECS on the Ridge would also like to sponsor events.

- **SV Hospital Foundation:** Kim Arellano mentioned there will be a forum on prescription drug abuse in kids on February 24th. Kim will take steps to get the flyer approved by the district.
- **General Meeting:** Starts 7pm with the Peace of Mind seminar at 7:30pm in the SES Library.

Agenda items will be:

- o Approve popcorn for budget
- o Nominating committee

Meeting adjourned at 8:43.

Joel Aune/Geoff Doy 2010 Replacement Levy Presentation Notes:

- Election date Feb 9th
- 2 propositions
 - o #1 – Maint and ops (4year)
 - Renew levy passed in 2006
 - Not a new tax
 - Expires 2010
 - “Replacement” levy
 - Provides 20% of revenue available to operate schools (1 out of 5 dollars)
 - State does not fully fund us
 - What does it fund?
 - Everything
 - Every aspect of the school district operation
 - Number of programs receive no funding from State
 - 18% of General Fund revenues
 - Only 50% of our funding comes from the State
 - Proposing a maximum levy – school districts are limited of how much they can ask (levy lid). Different school districts have different levy lids.
 - We have the lowest revenues per pupil of our neighboring schools
 - Why we are having a maximum levy
 - o #2 – 4 year technology levy
 - Replaces an expiring levy
 - Only our second technology levy
 - State does not include technology in its definition of education.
 - No monies from State
 - This is the standard way to fund technology
 - Current technology levy generates \$171/student (lowest in neighboring school districts.
 - If this levy passes, we will be in the middle of the pack.
 - \$2.5 mill in each of the next four years
 - o Median house price in the valley is \$400K
 - \$230 extra in 2011
- Ballots mailed out around the 22nd
- People can still register to vote by Monday
- Lots of success last year with the bond by appealing to parents and teachers in the Valley
- Roughly 5K parents registered to vote – need to use the groundswell of parent power
- Need only 50% majority to pass a levy, not a super majority

- If this levy does not pass, the impact will be 3x the budget reduction
 - o Approximately 30 teachers across the district
 - o Very few places to cut without touching staff
- Really need people to reach out and get others to vote
- If this fails, will have to go back on the ballot in April/May
- What can we do specifically?
 - o Geoff is the “captain” for SES
 - o Mass mailing work parties on 6:00 1/11 and 1/20
 - Email Geoff
 - Senior Center
 - o Help staff phone banks (10 people 1/26 (Tuesday), 5:30 to 8:00 at Philips on the Ridge)
 - Can do in shifts
 - Phoning district parents only
 - Just reminding people to vote
 - o Post yard signs
 - o Word-of-Mouth
 - o VVFE Facebook Page
 - o How do we contact them?
 - District website
 - www.vvfe.org
 - info@vvfe.org
 - Become a fan on Facebook
 - o One of the levies is on the back of the ballot – make sure you flip it over!
 - o Board meeting on 6:30 at SMS on Thursday
 - 6:30 to 7:30 – gives you a good picture of the State financial situation as it applies to K-12.