

**Snoqualmie Elementary School
PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13th, 2009**

Board Members Present:

Deborah Doy, President	Cori Pflug, Principal
Ahn Lee Horn, Legislative Chair	Kristy Brooks, Co-Treasurer
Laurie Fitzpatrick, Executive Member	Kim Arelleano, Co-VP Fundraising
Robin Walbeck-Forrest, Co-VP Enrichment	Staci Miller, Co-VP Fundraising
Cathy Killian, Executive Member	Ali Paredes, Executive Member
Monique Kruyt, Executive Member	Kim Ayars, Secretary
Mary Benham, Executive Member	Angela Markley, Co-Treasurer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 in the SES Library. The 09.22.09 Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. Ahn Lee moved to approve the minutes, Cathy seconded. The minutes were approved via voice. Laura Kosinski was present as a guest speaker.

Guest Speaker – Laura Kosinski: Laura presented several ideas to the board regarding teacher appreciation. This year no big potlucks are planned, but instead an “event” most months. Deb reminded board members to sign up to volunteer for teacher appreciation days if you would like to help.

- Halloween – Hot cider and spicy ginger cookies.
- November 24th – Soup Day
- December 9th – Cookie Exchange (bus barn will be included)
- Valentine’s Day – Small token in teacher’s boxes just before mid-winter break
- March 9th – Dr. Seuss Breakfast
- Secretaries’ Day in April – Flowers and lunch
- May 3rd – 7th – Teacher Appreciation Week with a Hawaiian party instead of Cinco de Mayo
- Birthday Cakes – It was suggested that we do one cake a month to celebrate staff birthdays. Laura will send out feelers to the staff appreciation volunteers and circle back with the PTSA board if she needs more help.

Laura will be back in January to submit some more plans. In the mean time board members should think of how to make teacher appreciation week easier on room parents. Laura feels that many of the room parents try and absorb the costs.

Treasurer’s Report: Total cash on hand is \$61,231.43. Walkathon pledges are a little low, but envelopes may trickle in up until October 23rd. Mary will add “Walkathon Pledges Due” to reader board to encourage families to turn them in. Next year we need to change the process for on-line pledges for Walk-a-thon as it is very difficult to reconcile on-line pledges with students. For Breach Insurance opt-out it was determined that PTA insurance does not cover anything that happens on-line. We will continue the coverage as it stands. Angela brought up that currently our name is “Snoqualmie PTA” which is somewhat ambiguous, and suggested we change it to Snoqualmie Elementary PTSA. Stacy made a motion to change the name, Kristy seconded it. Motion approved via voice.

Legislative Report and Snoqualmie Valley PTSA Council Report: Ahn Lee gave an overview of the priorities given to lobbyists developed during the Legislative Assembly held on October 2nd – 3rd. The SVPTSA Council will also sponsor a legislative roundtable for the 45th district on November 9th at 6:30pm

at Mt. Si High School. Ahn Lee also mentioned that answers to school board candidates forum are posted on the council website (<http://www.svptsacouncil.org/>).

Grants:

- **Nike Grant:** Winners will be announced soon. Monique said that some people know they've won. Ahn Lee will keep us posted.
- **Lowe's Tool Box:** The application complete. The final grant request was \$4300. We will know the results in January. Kudos to Laurie for her hard work on this grant! There will be a work party on Saturday. To move mature plants and create more space and prepare for other work. Brian Huntzinger will be acting as the general contractor. The ultimate plan is to have enough picnic tables so that teachers can bring their entire class outside and to put pavers down in place of the washed-out path.
- **Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation:** The application was sent in on time and we will know by 10/28/09 if we have received this

Old Business:

- **Walkathon:** Kim and Staci thanked the PTSA Board for their help. They are considering doing it again next year! Kim and Staci will add detail and refine the current procedures.
- **Cookbook:** 224 have been sold.
- **Membership:** Current membership is at 257. Ali is surprised at how many staff are not members. At the next meeting Ali will bring a list so board members can cross-reference friends and neighbors. She suggested a few of us try and recruit a few more people. Deb reminded us that dues are due October 22nd.
- **PTA & the Law:** Deb reminded us to attend a session and will send out a reminder. It doesn't matter which session you go to, you only need to attend one. Preregistration is not required.
- **Basketball After School Program:** Robin asked for a proposal and heard nothing back.
- **Lego:** The class filled up last night and has 19 kids with one parent volunteer. Robin recommended setting up a K-1 class and several board members agreed.
- **Swordfit:** No report.
- **Assemblies:** Unfortunately Peter and the Wolf conflicts with WASL, but Eric Ode is a possibility. We will ask Kristi Wittress to circle back on Eric to see what dates he is available, and to see if Peter and the Wolf can change their dates. Deborah also asked Cori to recommend additional assemblies.
- **Family Nights:** Tentatively, we have 2 Math Nights scheduled in February and April. Planning will begin after we know if we got the grant money or not.
- **Reflections:** Cathy visited a couple of classes this week and the after school art program. It seems that there are many parents that may not have computer access. Cathy will work with teachers on making sure those kids get information if they need it.
- **Watch D.O.G.S.:** Kristy Brooks is our scheduler. Thank you Kristy! Cori announced that we are getting a Watch D.O.G.S. parking spot.
- **Emergency Prep:** It has begun! Cathy and Mary and Deb took an inventory of the shed. It was suggested to take lost and found clothes, wash them, and store them in the emergency shed instead of donating them. The water has expired and needs to be replaced. Deb and Cori have discussed how to track emergency kit purchases but have not resolved it yet.
- **Parent Ed:** Safety Escape is a 2hr workshop which costs \$250 and may offer discounts based on free and reduced lunch counts. The current idea is to have it on the same night as our general meeting on January 21st. Robin will check on that date and determine if there is a cap on the number of people.

New Business:

- **Winter Bazaar:** Kim Ayars has agreed to chair. Ahn Lee will coordinate the store, Mari will coordinate the vendors, and Cathy will coordinate the crafts. Deborah and Kim will touch base next week. Ahn Lee welcomed any “goofy stuff” from dollar stores. Last year we had almost \$600 worth of merchandise donated to the holiday store.
- **New After School Procedures:** For insurance coverage, registration must be handled by the PTSA and go through our books. We will also have a parent volunteer who is also a PTSA member be present. This will start in January but volunteers would be taken at any time. Kim Arellano suggested that we have two people do Robin’s next job next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.