

**Snoqualmie Elementary School
PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10th, 2009**

Board Members Present:

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

Additional guest included Laura Kosinski, Ileaha Lewis (BCC), and Megan Littlejohn (BCC)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 in the SES Library. The 10.27.09 Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. Angela moved to approve the minutes, Monique seconded. The minutes were approved via voice.

Treasurer Report: Total cash on hand is \$79,991.27. We have paid the first installment of academic goal support. For our new insurance, Monique volunteered to review and sign the paperwork.

Guest Speaker - Laura Kosinski: Laura discussed some changes for teacher appreciation this year. There will be quarterly birthday cards for teachers instead of individual cards. There was additional discussion about replacing the door decorations with custom-made mini-chalkboards. An informal poll of the board indicated that the doors are well-loved. Instead the teacher appreciation committee will investigate how to make the doors "green". Marisa mentioned that a "Bravo Box" would be much appreciated by the teachers. Laura asked board members to buy "What I Like About You" book marks at Michael's when you see me. The brand is "Me & My Big Ideas".

SVPTSA Council and Legislative: Only eight people showed up for the legislative roundtable. Ahn Lee prepared us for more education cuts in this upcoming education session.

Grants: We did not receive the SVSF grant. Kim Arellano volunteered to write up a new grant for Fun Again games. Visit www.funagain.com for more information.

Old Business:

- **Walk-a-thon:** Kim Arellano and Staci sent out envelopes to kids and received an additional \$446 from 28 kids. The grand total is about \$35,363 and includes corporate matching.
- **Cookbook:** 260 sold. We have fully paid for the cookbooks. Anything we sell now is income.
- **Membership:** We are currently at 272 PTA members.
- **Assemblies:** Kristi will talk to Mrs. George about what books/CD's for Peter and the Wolf would be useful for her classroom.
- **Reflections:** Due 11/20. Cathy will send a blurb to Cindy to put in Constant Contact.

- **Parent Ed:** Jan 21st, 7pm to 9pm, immediately following the general PTSA meeting. There is no limit on parents; the instructor just needs a ballpark so she knows how many booklets to bring. "Save the date" will be put in the next newsletter.
- **Winter Bazaar:** Only one spot left for vendors, but only 7 have paid. Crafts are ordered. Kristi has ordered snowflake stamps. No performers at Winter Bazaar, we will use Mr. Mac's sound system. Laurie needs Christmas lights, preferably red and white. Merchandise is ordered from EPI (Snow Time Store). Mari will be doing the display case the Monday before Thanksgiving. Letters go out to week before Thanksgiving. Deb is working on teacher appreciation. It was suggested that the bazaar be advertised on Craigslist. The board voted to not put an ad in Snoqualmie Valley Living because the vendor space is nearly full.
- **Lego:** Robin will pursue more sessions and see if it fits with our schedule and space.
- **Turkey Trot:** 418 registrants for SES, 324 registrants for CVES. Mrs. Olson's class won the ice cream party. Looks like we'll get about \$6K which should be spent on health and fitness. Mary will order 500 turkey charms for \$59.

New Business:

- **Teacher Grant:** Mr. Mac would like to give Brandon (golf) some turkey trot money. Approved via voice.
- **Teacher Grants:** Now that Walkathon is over, teachers can apply for grants.
- **After school programs:** The board agreed to try Sheila Bateman's strings program at SES. The Spanish Academy would also like to bring a Spanish program to the school (the teacher would be Luza Schlau). Because the Strings and Spanish instructors do not have insurance, the board revisited insurance requirements. Deb described additional ways other schools are handling the insurance issue. Staci and Kim Ar. suggested that a business license and insurance be required. An informal vote showed 7 favored the new requirement, and 5 opposed. Ahn Lee will bring up this discussion with SVPTSA council and bring back recommendations. Once again, the registration process will need to be revisited.
- **Out of Pocket Money:** Please try to minimize out of pocket expenses and do not purchase gifts. We will instead celebrate at the end of the year.
- **Character Counts:** Kristi found a dentist in Issaquah that does humanitarian work and organizes projects that schools do, takes them to a country in need, and comes back and does an assembly for the school. Kristi will follow up.
- **Spirit Fridays:** Last year, the contest did not have a good response. Kristi a poster for the door for each teacher in January titled "Kick of the year with some spirit". Cori will announce Spirit Fridays first week back in school after Christmas break.
- **Website:** Deb needs events for the website. Please review your tab.
- **Ski Bus:** Flyers are out and registrations are managed through the ski school, not through the office. There will be an informational meeting on 11/24.
- **Lost and Found Clothes:** See Mary and Deb if you can help with washing. Target has bins for sale for \$6. See Deb if you can help get some.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53.