

Fowler Middle School PSO Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019 1:30 pm

Attendance:

Board Members Attending: Corry Hinckley, Cheryl Payne, Jennifer Cosenza
Members and Guests: Tracy Johnson, Amy Hergert, Joel Strong, Laura Wieking, Carol Chand, Heather Oller, Talia Mello, Wendy Jenkins, Marni Watts and Andy VanFleet.

Meeting Minutes approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report - Cheryl Payne

Bank Balance is \$32,172.60

There are some disputed charges that we will investigate before paying, will address at next meeting on Oct 10, 2019 1:30.

We will plan on voting for this year's budget at next meeting on Oct 10, 2019 1:30.

The differing class sizes were discussed as a budget consideration for field trips and 8th grade Oaks Park celebration.

Principal's Report - Andy Van Fleet

Principal Van Fleet discussed this year's different format for the Curriculum night on 9/24/19, the positive impact of Trauma Informed Learning for our students, and a plan to begin Coffee chats once a month. He also proposed the fundraising idea of purchasing vending machines for Fowler.

Associate Principal's Report - Marni Watts

Associate Principal Watts discussed the value of explicitly teaching expectations and rules and using positive reinforcement for students. Among the strategies discussed were tokens, ID stickers, Fowler Fistbumps & their monthly themes.

She reported that Fowler's first Tech Free Tuesday went well.

Committee Reports & Updates

-Today was the first day for the Student Store. Budget restrictions and creative ways to possibly alleviate costs while still supporting this valuable program were discussed: Donations are always welcome. Possibility of stopping gift card sales except for final month to raffle them off to 8th graders only. Putting the last odd samples and past year Fowler shirts in the store to get rid of them.

-Dining Night out will be Sept 25th at Beach Hut, October 16th at Baja Fresh

- Facebook is a good way to stay connected with parents. FB livestreaming events like coffee with principal and more frequent posting might help us build a larger following.

-Boxtops for Education is going digital. This year is both digital and traditional clip. Tracy Johnson will be doing more research and giving us more information on how we can transition parents to participate with the new app. Our prizes for classroom contests will most likely be cookies from the cafeteria.

Old Business

- There are still open committee chair positions for this year. We are in need of Fall Fundraiser, online auction, spiritwear, 8th grade celebration and caring closet chairs or co-chairs. Cheryl Payne would appreciate it if someone could help with Bottle Drop or take that over but will continue to do it until then.
- We would like to change the time of the meetings to 1:15 to accommodate parents who have to leave early to pick up their children at elementary school.
- Spirit Wear needs to be ordered before Spring 5th grade visit. Spirit wear Co-chair is not at this meeting, but will receive updates from meeting.

New Business

- Fall Fundraiser should be decided by next meeting Oct 10, 2019. Alternate ideas to pledgedrive and chairs/co-chairs welcome.
- Fall Dance is on 10/10. We will see if we can get Dan Busch to DJ. Corry Hinckley is Fall Dance Chair and Matt Harvey & the leadership kids will request decorations for the PSO to provide. We will send out a sign-up genius for chaperones and reimburse staff volunteers with \$50 classroom credits.
- We would like to address a way to let parents know if they are cleared to volunteer without having them reapply. Planning on having more info Oct 10 meeting.
- Taste of Tigard Tualatin to benefit FTTS is Sept 21. Volunteers are needed.
- Scholastic Book Fair is M-F Sept 23/27 including during the Curriculum Night. Volunteers needed.
- The possible project of updating the Staff Lounge with new chairs was brought up and Corry Hinckley will have more info at October's meeting after consulting with TTSD about any rules or procedures we need to know about.

Next Meeting: Oct 10, 2019 @ Fowler. Planning on 1:15 (*This was changed to 1:30 until Nov 14 meeting and participants notified by email, because of inconsistent messaging*)

Future PSO meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1:15 @ FowlerMS