

Fowler Middle School
Thursday, November 18th, 2021
7:00-8:00pm

PSO Meeting Notes

1. Called to Order

At 7:03 pm on November 18th, 2021, on Google Meet by PSO President Tonia Banks.

2. Welcome & Introductions

3. Attendees

Andy Van Fleet, Marnie Watts-Tupou, Wendy Jenkins, Tonia Banks, Tracy Johnson, Heather Champion, Jennifer Vasicek, Kristi Sloan, Wendy Jenkins, Kim Matsler, Heather Oller, Claire K.

4. Old Business

- Approval of October 21, 2021 minutes.
- Minutes were distributed and approved.

5. Principal's Report - Andy Van Fleet

- Seeing in the building and within the District the loosening of restrictions, nice to see COVID cases hit pause and not escalate too much. Predictions show that we may need to be able to loosen more restrictions soon. Wonderful to see families coming back into the building to support our first drama performance. Kids did a murder mystery and kept dramatically saying through the performance it was "murder mystery" and the audience got a good chuckle. Looking forward to opening the doors again for Winter performances for Choir and for Band and future performances. Do have some limitations in the number of seats able to provide at each event due to safe audience spacing.
- Andrea was able to come back into the building also to help stock up the student store and that was excellent. We will have additional opportunities to bring volunteers back into the building whether that's for future ASA clubs, activities, or homework help type of things; watch for communications to come through in the Weekly.
- Saw Oregon Live this morning Colt Gill, Director of ODE made a statement there is going to be an opportunity for Districts to start looking at the "test-to-stay" around COVID as opposed to the mandatory quarantines we've had to follow. That would significantly reduce the number of students and the days that

students would have to stay out of the building if they are not exposed to a positive case. Part of the federal dollars coming in will probably help pay for the testing but has this was just breaking news this morning, we will have to wait and see how this progresses and wait for District Office communication.

- Foundation grant for \$15k came through this week for full approval which will be able to support all of our ASA for the entire year. Able to start pitching ideas to grow opportunities for students in addition to our infinity groups, homework clubs, juggling, anime clubs, etc. Thankful to our communities for being so incredibly generous in order for our kids to stay engaged, to stay excited, and follow their passions with their friends.
- Separate grant that we will be applying for to provide after-school tutoring in reading, writing, and math.
- In a conversation about bringing back our Career Day. Two years ago we were ramped up of giant career experience push out into the community, research, taking the 8th graders out to tour potential fields, Makerspaces, have them think about what classes in high school to take to lead them into college.

Questions Asked of Mr. Van Fleet

1. Andy, can you give some context to the message that came out from you in the Fowler weekly re: asking for parents' help with good citizenship and behavior?
 - a. We've had several different bullying situations either through Snapchat or TikTok making fun of other students in negative ways. We have conversations with students and families, this is not okay. Discuss the power of messaging. Our students are still figuring out their boundaries, talking it through, and positive things they can do to help their peers.
2. Is staffing the halls the solution to bullying/pushing in passing time? Students are fearful/parents concerned for them of walking through areas such as Cascade Hall.
 - a. The number of classrooms and lockers lend to the increase in the number of bodies in Cascade Hall. Pushing/roughhousing has been noticed. More teachers/admins are being in the halls to pull those students aside. Supervision is super important so everybody feels safe, and everybody is. Additionally, good behavior expectations are being discussed in Morning Meetings.
3. Any information that can be shared about the lockdown that happened?
 - a. Rumors spread fast through the students. But it was actually just one student who had a really disruptive day and was asked not to come back. The student then wanted to come back to school and as it was during lunch passing times, the decision was made to lock the doors. Within 30 minutes of going into a locked protocol, the student was gone but we didn't have confirmation on that and decided to say locked.

- i. In order to have a real-time conversation with students, parents would like to ask for communication from Administration.
- ii. This was not an official lockdown, but what was formerly called a lockout, now referred to as a 'Secure' to limit anyone coming in or out. The moment was a little chaotic, and first time through for Administration and appreciate feedback in order to put different protocols in place in what is communicated, to whom, and when. Just for reference, an actual lockdown is where there is a dangerous situation in the school, and students are told to get out of sight. Students have practiced this recently. In the moment of a true lockdown, the building is locked down, and District would be handling communication. Will look into creating a template for quick communication, and then send a more detailed letter once the situation is resolved.

6. Vice Principal's Update - Marine Watts-Topou

- Andrea and Tiffany have been awesome at keeping the Student Store stocked up. The Store will be online through Winter Break and hoping at start of second semester to open the store in in-person. Thank you for supporting the store as that is one of the ways teachers reinforce appropriate/expected behavior and if students can't spend their tokens it becomes meaningless, so thank you!

7. New Business - President, Vice-President, and Treasurer

- Foundation for Tigard-Tualatin Schools hosted a dinner for all of the PSO Presidents for all of the schools within the district a couple of weeks ago. During the dinner, the Presidents were able to share ideas and support each other. This foundation is a separate non-profit organization that helps all of the schools within Tigard-Tualatin with fundraising and partner with all of the different PSOs. We will be helping them in the spring with the Coin Drive. The foundation organizes events in the community such as Art in the Burbs, Tee-Up for Schools, Taste of Tigard, Pack with Pride. Through this fundraising is how we received the \$15k grant. In February there will be a phone drive that volunteers here could participate in.
- Heather with the Online Auction is having difficulties collecting donations from businesses. Appreciate any recommendation, please contact her at hrjones77@hotmail.com.
- Budget - money has come in from bottle drops, photoshoot donations, and candy drive.
- In December there will be a cookie exchange for Staff Appreciation.
- Bottle Drop - there are additional bags and posters at the office if needed. Happy to deliver bags to doorstep if needed, contact Jen by email at fowlerbottledrop@gmail.com.

- Dining Out has received a check from Panda Express, MOD was last night, next month is Beach Hut Deli and January will be Chipolte. Please contact Tracy with any additional restaurant suggestions.
- Caring Closet will clean out lost and found the last week before winter break.

8. Meeting Adjourned

- The next PSO Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on December 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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