

Fowler Middle School  
Thursday, January 20th, 2022  
7:00-8:00pm

## PSO Meeting Notes

### 1. Called to Order

At 7:06pm on January 20th, 2022 on Google Meet by PSO President Wendy Jenkins.

### 2. Welcome & Introductions

### 3. Attendees

Andy Van Fleet, Marnie Watts-Tupou, Wendy Jenkins, Heather Champion, Claire Kolkoski, Jennifer Vasicek, Kristi Sloan, Tonia Banks, Kim Matsler, Jacquelyn Proper, Heather Oller, and guest speaker Michelle Luis

### 4. Old Business

- The minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting were distributed and approved.

### 5. Guest Speaker: Michelle Luis, Vice President of the Foundation of Tigard-Tualatin Schools

- FTTS be hosting the annual Fund Drive throughout the month of February. This year the focus is on Bridging the Gap - learning, mental health, and equity gaps which have all been widened due to COVID.
- If you are interested in adopting a lawn sign please let Michelle know at [info@the-FTTS.org](mailto:info@the-FTTS.org) or 503-431-4024. Signs will be delivered directly to your home or business.
- Will be doing Phone Bank calls soon if you'd like to volunteer your time. Gather and make phone calls together through 'warm calls' which are contact community members who have donated in previous years.
- Donations to Help Bridge the Gap can be made at [the-ftts.org](http://the-ftts.org).

### 6. Principal's Report - Andy Van Fleet

- As we moved into the Winter Break felt like a relatively low amount of COVID cases in the building which was manageable. Coming out of the break, however, things exploded with the Omicron variant and a lot of family holiday social interactions. Many were wondering what counts as a school to go into shut down and what are the indicators to have us reopen? The number of students transitions (7 at the middle school level) and all of the social interactions got us to a place where there were too many cases. Taxed the system on contact tracing

and trying to find substitutes. Needed to hit pause and create space in order for whatever was in our school to go through its cycle. Will return with a fresh start this Monday, January 24th with a full reopening of classes and after-school activities. Will reevaluate and work with District Office if another wave happens to come through.

- A small shift in how close contact is defined has changed and will be communicated soon. Before it was a certain amount of feet within another masked individual. Now close contact will be defined when one is within six feet of an individual not wearing a mask. Two fully masked students within six feet of each other are no longer considered high risk.
- Mr. Van Fleet and Mrs. Watts enjoyed being able to drop into some virtual classrooms over the remote teaching period.
- Mr. Van Fleet and Mrs. Watts seek guidance from PSO on how the committee can meet needs to assist a family that recently found themselves without housing.

## 7. Vice Principal's Update - Marnie Watts-Tupou

- Andrea and Tiffany have been amazing, and extremely excited to get the Student Store back up and running for in-person. Waiting patiently for remote to end, and hope to be able to do so sooner than later. Until the store is open in-person online sales will continue once or twice a month.
- Special thank you to all for those who baked and bought the Staff Appreciation cookies!

## 8. New Business - President, Vice-President, and Treasurer

- Presidents - Wendy Jenkins and Tonia Banks
  - i. Nothing to report.
- Vice-President, Heather Champion
  - i. Nothing to report.
- Treasurer - Claire Kolkoski
  - i. Budget - [Profit and Loss as of 12/31/21](#)
    1. Total Income: \$5,480.08
    2. Total Expense: \$428.00
    3. Current Balance: \$28,044.22
- Spirit Wear - Tonia Banks on behalf of Coco
  - i. Received about 20 responses from the survey sent out to the parents.
  - ii. Touch base with Coco on reigning in designs to the top 5 perhaps
  - iii. Committee will revisit next month
- Pledge Drive - Wendy Jenkins on behalf of Heather Robinson

- i. Wasn't well advertised before Winter Break and will be reopened with better advertising and have the committee push it out to the community a little more.
      - 1. Inform Mrs. Van Fleet of new dates and he can include The Weekly.
      - 2. Need to get the kids involved and excited about it, which will get the parents donating.
- o BottleDrop - Jennifer Vasicek
  - i. Our balance is back up to \$325
  - ii. Donations are a little slow and asked Trish to place something in the newsletter. Let people know that bags can be delivered to individual homes, and possibly collected. Thinking ahead about tying promotions with upcoming calendar events such as Earth Month.
  - iii. To keep in mind for next year: BottleDrop emailed said that they do a holiday non-profit drive from Nov 15 - Dec 21st get an extra 20% back plus a chance to win up to \$5,000 in prizes. Just need to enter non-profit information to receive the bonus.
- o Dining Out - Wendy Jenkins on behalf of Tracy Johnson
  - i. December 9th: Beach Hut Deli - \$253.00
  - ii. January 12th: Chipotle - \$136.00
  - iii. *February: nothing set - seeking suggestions*
  - iv. *March: nothing set - seeking suggestions*
  - v. April 12th: Society Pie Pizza
  - vi. May 19th: Crumble Cookie
  - vii. June 9th: Menchies
- o Spring Fundraiser - Heather Champion
  - i. Aiming for April 9th
  - ii. Received about \$8,000 in donations
  - iii. Ask Trish to include it in the Newsletter towards the end of February to see if anyone in our community would like to donate a basket or something like that.
  - iv. Perhaps see if the ceramics class or other teachers willing to donate
  - v. Accept donations until the end of February
    - 1. Could use assistance in picking up donation items
  - vi. Setup platform during the month of March
  - vii. The goal is to collect a total of \$10,000 worth of donations
- o Caring Closet - Kim
  - i. Collected a lot of quality items and some stained items were still taken. Lost and found items such as water bottles were taken to the BuyNothing group.

- ii. Will do another pickup for the closet and lost and found before Spring Break.
  - iii. No dance this year, so have to plan something else to do a large collection event.
- Proposed: Interactive virtual dance as a possible replacement activity for this year.

## 9. Meeting Adjourned

- The next PSO Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on February 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.