

Fowler Middle School
Thursday, January 19th, 2023
6:30-7:30pm at Fowler Middle School Library

PSO Meeting Minutes

1. Called to Order

At 6:32 pm on January 19, 2022 at Fowler MS by PSO Co-President Heather Champion.

2. Attendees

Andy Van Fleet, Cindi Pellicci, Heather Champion, Tonia Banks, Kristi Sloan, Karyn Vorhees, Kim Matsler, Noelle Gross, Claire Kolkoski, Michelle Luis, and Tanelle Ogbeide.

3. Old Business

- The minutes from October 20th meeting were reviewed and approved.

4. New Business

- **Presidents - Heather Champion and Tonia Banks**
 - i. Spring Auction- will do same as last year. She'd like help picking up items from businesses or solicit donations. Karyn can help with that- deadline is beginning of April. Heather will ask for help via newsletter as well.
 - ii. Vending machine- mostly up and running- huge hit, slight headache. It jams easily when the drinks run out. We need to have very regularly stocked drinks- as they do need a restock every day in am and before lunch. Trying to sort out who would be the on point person to stock that, Andrea could potentially help on Thursday, bringing in new supplies to restock.
 - iii. Survey of teachers- polling teachers who had a wish list of less than \$100, 50 teachers responded-we have a budget of \$2000 and of that we have about \$2000 in requests less than \$100. Claire is dispersing \$ to the teachers.
- **Treasurer - Claire Kolkoski**
 - i. Not much to report- no fundraising come, the fall fundraiser is not on the balance sheet. Made about \$1000. We got checks from dining night out, like Chipotle. Heather applied for 3 grants and got \$1900 Walmart Grant. There is an unknown eft Benevity payment of about \$300 trying to sort out how to categorize it. Our net is \$3600 positive.

- **Dining Night Out Out - Heather Champion**
 - i. Nakia is supposedly taking it over in March. We do have one scheduled Feb 14th for Panera.

- **Dance Coordinator - Noelle Gross**
 - i. Cindi Pellicci has run 19 dances so has been advising the coordinators and school what works. The dance is from 630-8 pm, we have a dj who will play music and also have some games, there will be a raffle. Held in the commons, staff will be paid \$40 Amazon gift cards to help. Will sell pizza, chips, and non-sticky candy for purchase, and water and cups are free. Canned donations are the entry ticket. Parent volunteers are also welcome. Leadership team is creating a photo area with a balloon arch, winter themed. Videos have been made by leadership students so kids know what's happening. Fowler students only. Potentially this is the only dance scheduled for the year. DJ is \$350, budget is \$500 for the dance.

- **Bottle Drop - Karyn Vorhees**

Going well, we did get 20% extra for a time period...\$654.80 is our balance, in January we got 16 bags, 12 in Dec and 13 in November. Are we recycling cans at school....discussion ensued.

- **Social Media - Kristi Sloan**
 - i. We have both IG and FB running, and she bought the teacher incentive gift cards- hall star gift card donation by PSO has been given to Pellicci to hand out weekly to teachers.

- **Foundation - Michelle Luis**
 - i. Foundation is doing their fund drive in February and needs volunteers for their call bank on February 21 and 22nd. Yard signs are available to place in your yards, as well. Same theme again- help bridge the gap of both mental health and teacher gap. Their gala is coming up Saturday and the golf tourney is July 21st. Art in the Burbs is not set for their dates yet. Packed with Pride always needs volunteers.

- **8th Grade Party/Graduation- Tonia Banks**
 - i. Been searching out locations to host an 8th grade celebration on June 14th for 2-3 hours. Bussed out and come back same day. About 275 9th graders.

- ii. Graduation will occur separately and kids walk across stage, during the day, have a 8th grade basketball game, and there is room to add some flair. Possibly Villa Sport? Karyn will check. Not every student got an award- now we have historical awards to give for a number of things. Mostly you it is reserved to celebrate kids and not give awards. American Legion award and more historic awards may be a separate ceremony.

5. Principal's Report - Andy Van Fleet

- Thanks to those parents who donated their time baking and boxing up Christmas cookies for teachers in December. The teachers did really enjoy the boxes.
- Iready update: in second phase of diagnostic testing, and promising results. There has been improvement. For 8th graders this sets you up for taking some classes at Tigard high.
- For professional development: thinking about the iready scores and where each discipline can support reading, writing and literacy in every department to bring kids up to speed on those areas.
- Career exploration class: Pax patterson sent more career things including home improvement basics and a rocket launcher- we do have 10-11 modules for kids to participate in. April 27th is our tentative 8th grade career exploration day- bring in industry partners, and second half of day put kids on busses and check out a fab lab or other industry area to check out a career.
- Auction: we have 2 pairs of really nice Nike shoes to auction off.

6. Vice Principal's Update - Cindi Pellicci

- Outdoor is happening: it is a week. 4 nights, 5 days. Assigned to two sites; Trickle Creek and Cedar Ridge week of 13-17th of March. They are doing RSVP and parent info night. With those kids who stay back they need to have appropriate accommodations (retired teachers) the week they don't attend outdoor school.
- VIP program with the points and incentives are on hold

7. Questions & Answers

- Will we visit the Tigard High school- (asked by Tonia Banks) waiting for high school dates that they're forecasting. At THS there are 20 times the electives they're forecasting for, plus Mrs. Pellicci says they're hoping to have it in later

spring. Just had their first meeting about that, and it will definitely happen.

8. Meeting Adjourned

- The next PSO Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on January 19th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m in the Fowler Middle School library.