

Ogden Avenue School PTC Monthly Meeting

General Board Meeting, November 4, 2015 @ 7:30pm

Ogden LRC

Persons in attendance: Ann Rodgers, Heather Vitell, Katie Stuiber, Tracy Connelly, Suzanne Taylor, Kerry Forsythe, Laura Hannon, Pam Podolner, Michelle Kram, Cheryl Napoli, Beth Fouliard, Christina Havlin and Mike Ruiz.

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:39pm.
- 2) October minutes were voted on and unanimously approved
- 3) Treasurer report: Beth Fouliard - Balance sheet – nothing new.
 - Expenditure report shows the following:
 - 4109 – increase of \$562 – flying high fundraiser
 - 4128 – increase of \$926 for the mixed bags
 - 4145 – Red Sled - all not in yet, will be on next months report
 - 5105 - Directory – did well
 - 5250 - \$1,000 payout for Donation to Science Center
 - 5400 – Art club – Payment to Mr. Noffsinger
 - 5530 – Hot Lunch – surplus of \$272 – surplus not intentional but happens with this program because it is hard to gage need with exact cost.
 - 5576 – check to Mr. Wilder for Hip Hop club
- 4) President's Report – Mike Ruiz
 - Red Sled – we are in a good position with volunteers but could use a few more
 - Parking will be limited because of the Falcon 5K, a large funeral at the Church & production at Park Jr High. Please plan accordingly.
- 5) Vice President Report – Heather Vitell
 - Hope to add a mother/son & daddy/daughter event. Dates and details to be determined.
- 6) VP Communication – Katie Stuiber
 - Plan to advertise need for Co-Chair of Red Sled
 - Repost regarding Red Sled Raffle tickets Sale
 - Need more Volunteers for Candy Cane Lane
 - Suggested by Laura Hannon that we ask the 6th graders to see if they would like to help as she feels the girls may be willing to help and some need service hours for other clubs they are in.

- Yearbook flyer – out next week to 6th grade to design cover – yearbook committee to vote on who is winner
- Next couple months will be cleaning up our webpage

7) VP Fundraising – Erika Guest

- Chipotle Fundraiser coming up Nov 17, we get 50% of proceeds so bring your flyers & Save the date!
- Photography fundraiser still going on – Book your Holiday photos
- Aurelio's Pizza fundraiser coming up
- Remember to click Fundinko before signing on to Amazon because they give us 1%!!!

8) VP of Social – Christine Havlin

- Introduced idea of Bottle and Bottega fundraiser and advised she will co-ordinate with Erika to see if local wine vendor will give donation to school for wines bought that night in association with event. Date will be 3/3 or 3/10, planned to be a 2 hr adult event.
 - Voted and approved unanimously

9) PCC – Kerry Forsythe

- Tomorrow we have a speaker for Relational Aggression in girls.
- We have a workshop on the calendar for grades K-3 called the ABC's of friendship set for 1/23/16
- We have a workshop for grades 4-6 set for 2/20/16 called Chick Chat
- PCC currently is working on a workshop for staff for the spring
- Book clubs looking to roll out late winter/early spring
- Hoping in March/April to get a speaker as to Relational Aggression in boys
- Advertised tomorrow's program in the Trib Local. Trib Local could help draw for other Ogden activities as well.

10) Secretary Report – Tracy Connolly

- Picture Day went very smoothly and I think we can do all pictures next year in a half day instead of full day like in previous years. Interstate was fabulous with the kids and were really able to get pictures done quickly. The benefit of ½ day is we will not have to keep equipment in the lunchroom during lunch while kids eat also we avoid any recess related hair/clothes issues for the afternoon.
- Retake day is set for 11/13/09
- Pictures from original date should be in before Thanksgiving break. If we time things well, we should get retakes back before Winter Break.

11) Principal report – Pattii Waldo

- We need to obtain more shades for the windows facing the hallway for lockdown safety. Plans to ask district for funds but if denied will ask PTC to add line item to obtain for next year.

12) Playground initiative – Michelle Kram

- Background given of how playground committee came to fruition.
 - Kids & adults complaining of lack of things to do at recess and clear lack of playground/climbing place to play. Lack of greenspace.
 - Looking into turf possibility and found it was way too costly to install and maintain.
 - Decided to go to a playground specialist, they observed play patterns and came up with ideas and we paid for initial plans to be drawn up in the \$55K-\$75K price range.
- The Two Concepts being presented tonight are not the final products and we can add/subtract or change.
 - a.) First Concept is titled “At the Movies”. It contains a stage approximately 6” off the ground, large chalkboards, light fixtures, seating, colored concrete, outside band – style of filmstrip that kids can draw on with chalk, large play blocks (that you can climb on & build with), storage shed for blocks.
 - b.) The Second Concept was “Science”. It included seating bench area that has a planter box behind the bench, colored concrete structures shaped like atoms, a big stage area that could possibly be used as an outdoor classroom in nice weather.
- Voting among student body is still in progress but it seems that Concept A has a significant lead.
- Question was raised as to safety of blocks that children can build with as well as climb on – aren’t we concerned about them doing this on concrete? Mrs. Waldo advised she is sure the district has guidelines as to how that would need to be handled. If that concept was approved the playground committee would need to verify district safety guidelines were adhered too at all times.
- Question was raised about how many children could actively play on the purposed play spaces. Michelle advised no direct number was given.
- Kerry Forsythe raised a concern over the social-relational implications of the proposed layouts. She wanted to know if the designers had considered any theory/body of knowledge in the area of child development and relationships that they may have based the two proposals. She further indicated that the playground committee should seriously consider how the designs might

realistically create power imbalances and negative social dynamics through the use of a “stage” or related areas where children are drawn to a performance mindset.

- Question was asked “What if not all funds are raised?” Michelle advised that all funds will be raised.
- 2/20 is the Playground Fundraiser date @ Hinsdale Community house in the evening so as not to interfere with the PCC event already calendared for earlier that day. They plan on live band karaoke.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm
Prepared and respectfully submitted by:
Tracy Connelly, Secretary