



PTO MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2015



Attendees:

- Nicole Donnelly
- Brandi Hamilton
- Moneeka Patel
- Catherine Bossom
- Jhing Cabawatan
- Scott Van Blarcom
- Jill Van Blarcom
- Shannon Paulsen
- Stacy Dain
- Stephanie Ferry
- Jennifer Marcoe
- Cara Brown
- LeeAnn Starrett
- Michelle Krummenacker
- Paul Krummenacker
- Cam Kitchen

Introductions

Nicole reminded the attendees to sign up for PTO membership.

Thank yous by Nicole:

- Jill Van Blarcom, former PTO president
- School beautification day this summer
- Instrument purchased by the PTO last year
- New electronic reader board for this year
- New planter box for this year
- Upcoming movie night and big splash

Principal's report:

Big things this year:

- Full day kindergarten
- New math curriculum
 - Envisions math
 - Want to share a demo at a PTO meeting

New staff this year:

- Mrs. Maxwell in first grade

- Heather Harris is a new half-time teacher for first grade.
- Ms. Pitzl moved from 1st to 3rd grade
- Ms. Kirkley with ELD
- Mrs. Hager's is now full-time fifth grade – Mr. Roberts is now a PE teacher.
- Mr. Robertson and Mr. Bateman are the two new PE teachers
- Music now has three teachers Mrs. Gimba, Mrs. Urdahl, and Mrs. Meek
- We have two new special programs for high needs students. Two new staff members are Ms. Martin and Ms. Sprinkle.
- Two new kindergarten assistants, Cara Brown and Kristina Meyer.

Class sizes

- We are the overflow school for a few classes while others we are too full and are having to transfer new kids to other schools. Our overflow classes are kindergarten and first grade. The largest classrooms in the school or fifth grade at 33 students. We have 371 students at the school.
- 28 to 29 students is the maximum for primary grades. There was a discussion at what level do we add an additional teacher. This would be when we would have approximately 28 additional students for the grade.

Items sent home today

- New school year calendar
- College ready savings plan packet. Please note there is a meeting on October 8 to hear about the Oregon College savings plan.
- District equity policy – it is unique that our school district has an equity policy.
- Michelle K. Complemented Cam on the art in the library. The artist in residence was helpful in completing this project. Cam noted that we got a \$3000 grant to use the paper for this project.

Treasurer's report:

Last year in review

- We did well with \$1775 above budget. Bank balance decreased by about \$15,000 for the new musical instruments.
- Going over the budget report, we are early in the year so the cash Flo statement in green is not final. It shows projected items. Please note some items in the summer were left over from last year.

Some PTO members asked about Spirit wear. Nikki S. will do the ordering again. Unfortunately our supplier had a fire at their location, and may be delayed in delivery.

Volunteer Coordinator's report

- We are looking for parents that speak other languages to help communicate with all of our families.
- Catherine, a new PTO member, speaks Spanish.
- Vietnamese is the main second language spoken with our families at Mount Scott.

Eagle fun run:

- Biggest fundraiser of the year for the PTO.
- If we do well we will load in it crazy money stipend for the teachers again.
- An email went out to volunteers to sign up for volunteer times during the fun run.
- Schedules went home today.
- Lots of volunteer opportunities for this day.
- Donations can be collected right away or later after the fun run.

Carnival:

- We still need a few chair members to help with food, decorating, prize room, and silent auction.
- LeeAnn wants to recommend promoting local crafts. We've got a great response from a couple of local companies that want to support us. We are also looking for local parents that want to donate items for the auction.

Afterschool programs

- Coming soon will have mad science, YMCA, Taekwondo. Please note we get \$25 for each student at signs up for Taekwondo. This is a fundraiser for the school.

Next meeting

- Yearbook, carnival, crazy money.

PTO meeting time changes

- two meetings will be held at 8:30 on Friday mornings after Friday morning meetings. Those will happen in November and April.

Adjourned at 7:30pm