

Edgewood PTA Meeting Minutes

February 16th, 2016

Attendees: Gayle Sawyer, Taj Morgan, Sarah Stanley, Rob Drummond, Beth Casper, John Stapleton, David NT, Melysa Romstad, Amelia Reising, Bree Bouse, Robin Detmer, Tanya Bunson, Meridith Turnbull, Michelle Stecher, Beth Hynes (teacher), Tina Leaton (teacher), Larry Williams (Principal). [Meeting minutes taken by David NT].

1. David moves to approve meeting minutes from 1/19/16, Beth seconds the motion. Meeting minutes from 1/19/16 approved unanimously by group vote.
2. Disco Night: Michelle informs group that Disco Night is this Friday, February 19th, 2016, and that the Student Council came up with the beach theme for the dance. Michelle passes out volunteer sign-up sheet for Disco Night.
3. Fun Night: Gayle reminds that Fun Night will be April 29th, 2016. Gayle indicates that many of the needed, key roles are filled, but that more people are needed and that this committee will host some upcoming planning meetings. They already have 80 volunteers for Fun Night.
4. Business Fundraising: Amelia reports that the earnings from Coburg Pizza Dine and Donate were \$162.65, and that we're still awaiting the tally from the Roaring Rapids and Bill and Ted's events.
5. Volunteering: Rob provides some updates on volunteering. The volunteer database initially provided didn't work as well as hoped, and the Volunteer Committee is still looking to develop a more comprehensive and functional contacts database. Direct Donation Drive needs to collect and count money, and the Volunteer Committee has been in communication with Robin about that.
6. Communication: Beth discussed the PTA website, indicating that there are more pages and that it's a more "robust" website. Melysa asked if there could only be one email from the PTA each Monday, instead of multiples. Tanya indicates that the PTA "E-blast" can't have attachments, so separate emails are often needed. Beth reminds the group that PTA emails and documents are also archived by Brian on the PTA website.
7. OBOB: Bree discussed how OBOB finished up last week. They had lots of volunteers, and many parents involved. Susan is looking for a Co-Chair for next year's OBOB, it needs two people to make it happen successfully.
8. Outdoor School: Bree worked with Meridith to put together a report (provided handout to group). Worked on developing a solution that would be more sustainable for future classes. Tanya mentioned that having a post-ODS event would be a great way to promote excitement and enthusiasm for future classes that will attend. Group discussion about also having some info on the PTA website specific to ODS procedures, fees, fundraising, etc.
9. Edgewood Garden: Sarah provides updates on the Garden. 4/5th graders came out recently, enjoyed themselves, and brought up a bunch of peas. Egg cartons are needed. Sarah put out a request to local companies for a canopy. Talked to Bert about getting milk cartons for plants, pot donations would also be put to use.
10. Teacher Reports: Tina introduces herself and provides an open compliment to PTA for their efforts. 4/5th graders working on "magnets and motors" in Science, working with Willamalane restoration project. Beth discusses that 2nd grade went out to the landfill and got to see what happens in our local community recycling/reuse process. They are taking part in the garden project, and students are getting lots of hands-on experience. They are also working on their first book reports, and looking at "changes and matter" in Science. Tina thanks the PTA for all the support for Outdoor School. Tina and Beth provide an overview of "A Better Oregon": Ballot Measure 28. Hoping to make some efforts to bring this to the attention of the school and community through a possible table set-up at upcoming events, such as the Disco Night dance. Tina mentions that supporters of the ballot measure are trying to get 130,000 signatures by July 1st, 2016, and preferably sooner than that. Group discussion about allowing an info booth/table to be set up at upcoming PTA events. Melysa makes a motion to allow "A Better Oregon" to advertise in the form of an info booth/table at the upcoming PTA events "Disco Night" and "Fun Night", Beth seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously by group vote.
11. Principal's Report: Larry mentions that the school is sending 4 student council officers to the upcoming Green Team Conference in Salem, and that those officers are in charge of putting together a presentation. School tours will be happening again next week. Larry indicates that he will have updated info on school staffing/FTE by the next PTA meeting. A Site Council survey will be soon be going out to parents to get family feedback on priorities

for next few years. Meredith asks for some examples of survey topics, to which Larry provides examples such as “instructional improvements” and “curriculum”.

12. PTA President: John mentions that next meeting will have some time allocated to discuss the “covered area recess” topic, including the PTA’s involvement in that and fundraising ideas.
13. PTA Meeting for 2/16/16 ended.