



REDDING SCHOOL of the ARTS

Parent Teacher Club

Meeting Minutes from October 26, 2011

- ADOPTED -

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Minutes redistributed from May meeting. Minutes distributed from September meeting as well.

No material changes made to either. Grammatical changes noted and will appear in adopted minutes when posted. Minutes adopted as corrected.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Laura Porzio)

Its great to see everyone here. Its been a long time since we have had an evening meeting. We thought we would try it out to see if parents who are normally unable to attend the morning meetings would come out. I am happy to see as many people as there are here; many I do not recognize. Why don't we introduce ourselves real quick, name and what grades your children currently in. (We went around room and introduced ourselves).

Normally at the first meeting we would have released a schedule for all the PTC meetings for the school year. We were waiting to see who well this was attended. If no one showed we would not bother to schedule any other night meetings. But because you all showed up we will alternate between morning meetings and evening meetings. We will release a schedule of meetings for the remainder of the year soon.

We are still working on the fox mascot. Laura has asked the art teachers to talk to some people to see if they would draw a mascot. We are still working on it and will keep you posted.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Hilly Wallis)

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Maureen Gaynor)

Gave September Financials report.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (Rebecca Lahey)

I remember that she thanked the PTC for the \$200 for the teachers and said they were all working on classroom projects. Don't remember what else though.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Margaret Johnson)

There have been a few more changes to the different lunch periods. They are still trying to find the best schedule that allows students enough time to eat and play. Since the beginning of the year students have all gone to recess first and then eaten, they will continue to do so. Studies

Show that kids often will eat better/more of their lunches if they are not in a hurry to get out to lunch. In the past, students have eaten only the minimum to be allowed to go to recess.

Certain classes have been assigned eating areas to cut down on the time it takes to find a place to eat. Once sidewalks are completed students will have the full time that has been allotted to eat.

Mandarin Support Committee will resume in November. The beginning of the school year has been too busy, but now that we are settling in we will start these meetings up again. We will do a Mandarin teacher directed activity so that parents can see what "integrated teaching looks like". RSA is so successful due to integration - learning takes place across subject matter. It carries into visual and performing arts. This integrated teaching approach is not traditional subject area learning and it has been acknowledged that it may not be for everyone. Research shows learning does not happen in a box.

Integration happens at appropriate grade levels. If you have any questions about this, please talk with one of the directors or your student's teachers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auction Report (Lisa Jeter)

Everything is going well. We need help the night of the event. That evening we will need volunteers between 4pm and 11pm (maybe midnight). Food will be provided for volunteers. We have about 340 tickets sold. We have a max of 45 tables for this year, last year we were at 37 tables. We should be about the same this year.

We can now take Visa/Mastercard for tables. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a table talk to the front desk. This year we will be able to process credit cards. We will have a pre-check in to help eliminate the bottle neck at the end. Our auction is different than any other auction because we have unique items. All of the table centerpieces will be for sale; created by some of the older students. If you want to volunteer, email Lisa at RSAAuction2011@gmail.com

Theater Booster Club Report (Lara Osborn)

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the talent show. It was a great success. The TBC is looking for help to inventory and organize their storage. Great opportunity if you need hours, especially if you need hours outside of school hours. Basically, they need someone to help organize all the costumes and props.

Please come to the next meeting on 11/8 at 6:30 in the community room. TBC votes on things that effect all of the students. They Always have volunteer opportunities.

Book Fair Report (Christy Largent)

Scholastic Book Sale has been scheduled for December 8th – 14th. Perfect opportunity to pick up Christmas gifts. Many opportunities for volunteer hours. Our goal this year is to sell \$3K worth of books. If we hit our goal we will get 50% to use as a credit to purchase books for our school! A parent asked if the library has a wishlist. Christy answered yes and that the teachers would also be posting their wishlists. Come buy gifts, buy for your students' classrooms and the library! Looking forward to a great event.

FPAE (Daria O'Brien)

The first phase of the "Fellowbrick Road" is closed. FPAE earned over \$16,000 to be used towards the Children's Theater! The North State Symphony's "Evening Under the Stars" was also a great success making a

little over \$6,000 and seems to have instigated a lot of interest from the public to use the amphitheater. It was a fantastic night. A good experience for people to hear the acoustics and experience the amphitheater.

Scrip (Maureen Gaynor on Behalf of Michele Woodcock)

Latest scrip orders are due Monday by 3pm. We will be starting booth sales once a month starting in December. We will also be able to take Visa/Mastercard at the booth sales. A parent asked if we need to update our Raley's reward cards every year. The answer was, we didn't think so, but would check on it to be sure. Safeway you do have to renew every year. For those who are not familiar with Scrip, it is really easy. Essentially it allows the school to make money off of money you are already spending such as groceries, dining, shopping, etc. During the holidays buy your gift cards at the school to earn the school money.

OLD BUSINESS

WASC (Note: report given before Committee Reports)

As WASC coordinator, Laura Dunaj updated the general membership on the latest WASC developments. What is WASC? WASC is the **W**estern **A**ssociation of **S**chools and **C**olleges, an accrediting agency that comes in and looks at school programs and gives them the thumbs up or down depending on whether they are doing what the school says they are doing. In February, representatives from WASC will be at RSA to talk to staff, parents, and teachers as well as students. They will be on campus for three days.

Parents may be approached during that time and asked why you are here and what you like about it. The goal is to get six year accreditation with a three year review.

As part of the process of applying to WASC, staff has been working on revised rubrics and school goals. They have added a goal to improve the visual and performing arts connection to history. The WASC process requires they document what they are doing and what they are saying they are doing. Laura D. and the WASC committee plan on having everything ready to go before we leave for winter break. One parent asked why are we doing this? Will it give us more funding? The answer was no. Rather it gives our program validation. Charter schools have to demonstrate they are doing what they say they are doing - demonstrate to the district they have their charter with. The State says charter schools are required to do so before their charter can be renewed. If you think you know a lot about our school, you may be surprised by this WASC document. I has everything to know about RSA and more.

Kids recently participated in a program called "Know Peace". Students discussed peace in their classrooms and then were asked to create a cultural image of why you should know peace. Three RSA students placed ; taking 1st 2nd and 3rd!

Bussing

Christy Largent reported for Monique Gaido. Things are going well. RABA is really trying to make it work. It has been a good experience so far for the students. The junior high students are really stepping up and helping with the little ones. They are looking out for the younger students. If we are able to get a few more riders we may be able to get another bus. Still working on the Eastside bus. It would pick up at the 76 station on Deschutes as well as the old Lumber 84 parking lot at Airport. We need to have enough commitment. If interested, be sure to let Monique or Margaret know.

Snack Cart

Snack cart started last week. It is available to students during the afternoon recess on Tuesday and Thursdays. .25 per snack regardless of what it is. Homerooms are assigned a month and students from that homeroom are asked to bring in donations for the snack cart for that month. Easy way to get

volunteer hours. You can earn up to 10 hours a year by donating to the snack cart. 1/2hour for store bought snack for 30, 1 hour for homemade snacks for 30. Still need help to man the cart. Shifts run from 1:15 to 2:45. You can do this with a little kid in tow. It's fun interaction with the kids; they seem to really look forward to it. It would be helpful to have a sign at the playground. Jamba Juice is on Wednesday. It supports the honor roll trip.

Veteran's Day Assembly

Veteran's day assembly is on November 7th at 8:15. The school invites veterans from the community to join us while the kids sing patriotic songs and pay tribute to the veterans. Afterward the PTC gives the veterans and their families a reception with coffee, muffins, fruit etc. Dawn Brooks is heading up the reception again this year. Mr. Hatch is looking for boy scouts to help with a part of the assembly.

Directory

Hilly reported that Paula Venegas was leading up the database entry for the directory. It was going well. Hope to have it emailed out before Thanksgiving. The directory is sent out only to RSA parents. It cannot be shared online or published outside of RSA parents. Only parents who have expressly shared their information for the directory are included. It is great for sending invitations for parties that do not include the whole class and arranging playdates.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Resignation

Hilly is stepping down due to other commitments. Ideally we would like someone to step up who may be interested in being involved next year. This would be a great jump start and prevent next year's board from being completely new.

Vice President Nominations

Are there any nominations at this time? Nominations will be open until November 25h. No nominations at this time. The best thing about the VP position is you get to make it what you want. "Do what you want". It would be nice for someone who is interested in the president position – a president in training.

Also looking for a Treasurer in training – someone who can put in about 200 hours per year and knows some accounting. We use QuickBooks. It's easy to use but if you are already familiar even better.

Wish List

Monday the wishlist request forms will be sent out to the teachers/staff. We are trying to streamline the process this year. Staff is being asked to turn in their request form along with a filled out order form or purchase order request if it is local. Basically we are asking that they turn in the request ready to order. The PTC general membership will rank the items on November 30th. The PTC will then order the items according to rank and available funding starting in December.

Daria O'Brien motioned to adjourn meeting.

Christy Largent seconds the motion to adjourn meeting.

All in Favor.

None opposed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSES.