

Mountain Elementary PTA Meeting

November 7, 2016

12:10 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Present: Ramey Sallaz, Mhairi McKay-Smith, Erin Middleton, Kimberly Petersen, Jennifer Guy, Jane Lin, and Russell Posegate

Ali Semanision, Tony Hinojosa, Mrs. Schaeffer, Mrs. Wurthman

Call Meeting to Order @ 12:15 p.m.

Skipping to 5B: Grant Requests.

- (1) Russell Posegate is submitting a grant request to redo the snowball targets on the upper playground. It should be less than \$500. Mrs. Guy – brackets are there for the upper playground, but the target needs to be replaced. For the lower playground it could be repainted, or we could put up another plywood target. We would need a couple of parents to paint board and target. Mrs. Guy will put a note out to parents to have help with putting up/painting targets.

Mhairi: Moves to approve education grant. Erin: Seconds.

- (2) One other grant request from second grade teachers, presented by Mhairi, entitled “Bats, spiders, and owls, oh my.” This is for the purchase of owl pellets for second grade. Note: PTA has paid for owl pellets for the last few years. Mhairi: Moves to approve. Kimberly: seconds.

- (3) New Business: From Ramey. LAPS has a parent advisory council, which is hosting a teacher appreciation event in November 18th @ Project Y. They are asking for support from area PTAs and PTOs. (Middle school donated \$500, no other amounts from other school at this time.) Discussion: It would be helpful to have a total budget for the event, and amount donated by other community organizations. Mhairi: Moves to donate \$200 to the district teacher appreciation event: Second: Ramey. None opposed.

2. Approve October Minutes

Mhairi: Approves. Second: Ramey. None opposed.

3. Reports of Officers

a. Treasurer’s Report

FUNd Run generated \$18,348.90 from community sponsors and family. This is further broken down in the budget. Halloween Carnival was a success – \$3,555.00 from ticket sales, \$60.00 from food, \$3,158.00 from Silent Auction.

School store is doing very well – a total of \$1,567.35 to date. Casa Mesita has continued contributing. Kiwanis club covered the cost of pedometers. We received more money from United Way, but it’s unclear whether enrollment will increase this year.

Another purchase for adult shirts was made, and t-shirts are selling well. Some money has gone to families in need. Second grade has purchased their chair covers, and Mrs. Guy has purchased whole brain books. PTA is temporarily covering music t-shirts, though Mrs. Nelson anticipates most students will purchase these shirts.

~\$700 mad money has been spent. Teachers and assistants also earned mad money by volunteering for the Carnival, and Mhairi has increased this mad money account accordingly. We needed to purchase bowls for teacher appreciation lunch. Current bank balance today is \$38,980.97.

This year we will not be doing Family Math Night – it could be rolled into one event, or it could be separate. We'll have an update after the Reading Night group meets. If it looks like Reading Night will exceed the reading night budget, they'll ask for an educational grant.

b. President's Report

Ramey: Thanks to everyone for all their help in October. Sam Gardner will be at the county council meeting on November 29th to present putting in speed bumps at Mountain. Traffic can be complicated, and it's unclear how area residents feel about speed bumps. Another alternative could be changing the bus lane, but it depends on district and county boundaries. Other alternatives could be flashing lights or signs that tell you your speed or a four-way stop at North Road and Urban.

c. Membership Report

Ramey: Currently have 75 members, including sixteen new members in October. Ramey: Do we want to have a membership drive? Mrs. Guy suggested a membership drive in January, which might be an opportunity to reach new families. Mhairi also suggested doing membership at the pop-up store, and Mr. Hinojosa suggested coming to the winter ball for shirts and/or membership.

d. Principal's Report

We're out of school for Veteran's day, and the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week. No big events coming up with respect to PTA involvement. Mrs. Guy is looking for a couple of parents to get involved with school teams and school operations, and will work with her leadership to see how parental involvement will be structured. December is also a quiet month for PTA involvement. Movie day as reward for fundraising t.b.d.

4. Report of Committees

a. Halloween Carnival Review

Update from Jane: Sales were down, but people used the cards that they purchased. The hardest part was organizing volunteers, which is the biggest area that could be improved. Some prizes were left over, and these are in the PTA closet. Kimberly is planning on helping with Carnival next year. Ali and Kimberley suggested having coloring for free next year, and perhaps changing green screen prices. Also: keep the volunteer overlap time when doing SignUp Genius. The only hard part: scheduling for back-to-back volunteer slots.

i. Silent Auction

Mhairi took on the silent auction, with the help of Ali Renner and Pam Poole and Ramey Sallaz, including business owners to contact. Pam helped with grade baskets. Suggestion for next year: have people with stronger business contacts help with silent auction. Apart from that, Mhairi suggested the same amount should be able to be raised next year.

b. FUNd Run

Ramey: FUNd run went really well – we exceeded the goal of \$14,000. We received more from community partners (\$3,050) than last year. Setting the goal lower and

meeting it was good. There was a grant for pedometers, which would be nice to build on next year. Information packets helped with keeping track of money – next year it would be easier to start planning earlier in the year. The day of the FUNd run went well with the help of Mr. Hinojosa and Susan Schillaci. It was hard that money came in at the last minute. It seemed like the Carnival overshadowed the FUNd run – everyone would like feedback about the timing of the events, parent involvement, and perhaps the Carnival was too early (stretching out Halloween too long). There were some complaints about it being a Halloween Carnival rather than a Fall Carnival.

- c. Yearbook
Enough parents are interested that there will be a meeting to organize yearbook volunteers.
- 5. New Business
 - a. Teacher Appreciation – See above – this was discussed first.
 - b. Grant Request- See above – this was discussed first.
- 6. Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting: December 15 @ 12:10

Adjourn @ 1:23.