

PTC Meeting

September 8, 2015

Call to Order

- Karen Kuniyoshi, President called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. On Tuesday Sept 8th, 2015 in the Maple creek MPR.

Welcome

- Teachers and parents welcomed by Karen Kuniyoshi, President – Mrs. Kismet (principal), 3rd grade teachers – Larry Parker, Rhoda Woo, Gordan Zante, Christen Otta and Linda Hutcheson in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

- May 2015 meeting minutes read and approved. Motion made and seconded. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report provided by Sandy Alcalá

- Carnival Wrap-up: \$14,911.39 net profit
- 2014-2015 Year End: \$41,184.46 total income
- 2015-2016 Budget – A new format for the income statements that are given at each meeting was introduced. A new financial program was purchased as well. The goal of the new format is to make finances more transparent and easier to understand. Grade level allotments of \$1,000 were approved in the 2015-2016 budget.
- Financial Report ending August 31, 2015: \$-1051.00 net income YTD
- **Question raised** on the fact that we are losing 30,000 income from cookie dough and carnival. We are hoping to recoup that with Huskies at Art, Parent Night and other fundraisers. If we not, we may need to bring the cookie dough fundraiser back in the fall. The carnival is scheduled for fall of 2016, it was simply too difficult to have a carnival in the Spring and another in the Fall.
- **Question raised** on amount we are budgeting to earn from spirit wear (\$8,000). We are hoping to earn more this year due to the variety of spirit wear offered.
- All financial reports approved. Motion made and seconded. Motion carries.

Introductions

- Board – executive board committee introductions. Karen Kuniyoshi, President; Tracey Cameron, Vice President; Sandy Alcalá, Treasurer; Teresina Fagan, Secretary
- Committee Chair introductions. Caroline Martinez, Crossing Guard; Dawn Buckenberger, Hospitality; Kassy Chahuan, Room Parent, Jennifer Caetano, Red Bucket campaign; Liz Yenser and Ann Sehm, Reward Shopping; Veronica Russell and Trish Armstrong, Snack Bar; Lauren Bayless, Spirit Wear. Please, feel free to ask any board member or committee chair questions – we are new and will do our best to answer questions.
- 2015-2016 Objectives were presented:
 - Increase membership participation and volunteering. We want to have a variety of people involved and helping out. We welcome new ideas.
 - Increase communication – A PTC website was created - maplecreekptc.com. A Facebook page was created – Maple Creek PTC. We are trying move away from paper, to more electronic communication.
 - Open communication – We will post minutes on the website, we welcome suggestions and comments on the website as well.
 - Financial objective – Our goal is to raise 45,000 net dollars. This will allow us to support what we have budgeted for such as grade level allowances, laminator and Rizzo maintenance, salaries/expenses of lunch monitors, etc.
 - **Question raised** – what is the purpose of the PTC? The purpose is to enrich the children's education, both scholastically and with added fun for the children. We fundraise to exist, we don't exist to fundraise. We are an organization to raise money for the children. Another purpose of PTC is to grow community – everyone is part of PTC, all parents and teachers.
 - **Question raised** – PTC fundraising, versus Jog-a-thon – ASB fundraiser, what is the difference? There are a lot of restrictions on ASB funds and many stringent guidelines. Things that money is spent it on must benefit total student population. PTC funds can be used for a wider variety of things. What is money from Dances being used for? – It goes into a club account – designated Administration. Money from dances is currently being spent on technology.

Principal's Report

- Gina Kismet – introduction of 3rd grade teachers.
- Enrollment is high - 30 over projection. We typically have about 700 students. We did not need to overflow this year, although it was close for 1st grade.
- Thank you for the teacher Welcome gifts.
- This year's theme is – One team One dream, One Maple Creek. Staff wear their spirit wear on Wednesday to remind kids to wear it Friday. We are attempting to rebuild our school spirit. SART surveys indicated a need to increase school spirit. If classes meet goal of 75% in spirit wear on Friday, they put a magnet on their door and are rewarded.
- Boundary change information will be communicated via both text and email updates. Two proposals are going to the board. Meetings will be held to discuss, please come to those meetings
- SART meeting this month is the 17th, boundary changes will be discussed.
- Meetings will also occur at all high schools – it doesn't matter which one you attend, information will be the same.
- Boundary changes are proposed to take affect the next school year
- There is a plan to hire someone for the computer lab to replace Mrs. Otta who is now teaching 3rd grade. This is an hourly position. Tell people you know to email her if interested. It is a certificated position, but hourly so may be difficult to find someone.

New Business

- Huskies At Art –Art fundraiser. Each child does art work in class, we then take the art and ship it to Silver Graphics. They will develop customized order forms for each child. At the end of October each child will bring home this order form. A wide variety of items can be purchased with their art work. There will be a 2 week period to turn in order forms. Products will be back the 2nd week of December – right in time for the holidays.
- Shred-It! –Oct 17th 10am – 1pm. Volunteers needed 2-3 per hour. Bring boxes to the school and it is shredded onsite. First 2 boxes are free – after that \$3 a box, or a flat donation. Flyers will be distributed. Adding electronic recycling as well – monitors, backup batteries with an outlet, computers, monitor, etc. We get 50% of what is payable. Shred it we get 100% on donations. BBB comes out for free. Sign-up sheets are available for volunteers.
- Pancake Breakfast – Saturday October 24th at the Applebees on Cedar/Herndon. Applebees provides the cooks and opens the restaurant. We provide the hostess, servers, and clean/bus tables. We get 50% profit, tickets will be sold for \$10. Teachers/staff have filled up all shifts. Come have breakfast with your teacher! If it is profitable we can do it again in the Spring.. Suggestion was made to publicize to students that teachers are working so they will want to go.
- Toasting Twenty Years – Parent night – adult event, 20th year anniversary of Maple creek. Friday April 1st at Wolf Lakes Park. Buffet, dinner/dance event. Silent auction, dessert auction. We plan to look for sponsorship (business or family sponsorship). We will start forming a committee and those that are interested will be contacted. Meetings will begin in October. Let Karen know if interested.

Requests:

- Gina Kismet requested a wall mounted 42-inch TV for the library, as classes are in there at 8:30 during morning announcements. Approximate cost of \$700 with shipping. Question: is it possible to purchase locally for cheaper, since it is being funded by PTC? Gina Kismet will research this to ensure it will not cause any issues with CUSD (installation, guarantee, warranty, etc). Motion to approve up to \$700 for TV with wall mount. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

- **Crossing Guard** – In need of volunteers for kindergarten - MTTHF – 11:20 – 11:50. Kindergarten staff will allow kids to stay in their room while parents work as crossing guards. Volunteers are also needed in the afternoon at the basketball courts MTTHF afternoons – 2:45 – 3:15. Call Caroline to volunteer. Questions – has board ever considered paying the crossing guard positions as we do lunch monitors? We have not. With enough volunteers parents should only need to work a single shift.
- **Hospitality** – Welcome snack packs were distributed for teachers; \$1500 budget for year, only \$200 spent so far. Ideas are welcome, will also be doing something for the holidays and teacher appreciation week.

- **Room Parent** – We received a lot of volunteers for room parents. Still need confirmation from teachers on who room parent will be. Every class has at least 1 room parent, some have 3 or 4. Still needed: Mr. Zante, Mrs. James, Mr. Parker – (volunteer received at meeting for Mr. Parker), Miss Castello and Mr. Tuttle. Room parent meeting next Tuesday at 6:30 in the library. We have several new room parents. We hope room parents are an extension of PTC. Thank you for the volunteers.
- **Red Bucket Campaign** – Will happen around Thanksgiving. \$400 budgeted to give each needy family a gift card to a grocery store for a turkey. Red bucket is a community service – donations from each class of a non-perishable item and then we compile everything for a boxed meal.
- **Rewards Shopping** – AKA Box-Tops now includes Labels for education, SaveMart shares cards, Amazon Smile, Target Red-card, Barnes and Noble. Vons eScrips program is ending, we get \$1000 this year based on what we earned last year. Box tops and Labels for Education, there will be no more Friday turn in. There are envelopes in every classroom for children to turn in any time. Each quarter there will be awards for classes. Hoping to raise \$6400 this year.
- **Snack Bar** – official first day is this Friday, Sept 11th for football scrimmage. Last year we made \$1119, doubling this budget for this year. Currently we are only opening on game days.
- **Spirit wear** – We have all new designs and a lot of choices. T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats (popular), water bottles, beanies, etc. We sold a lot at the Back to School nights. Order forms are going to be sent to the classrooms. We will also have order forms on the website and Peachjar. This sale is closing sept 18th, products will be distributed to the kids once we receive the order (within 2 weeks). \$10 adult t-shirts on sale for tonight only. Special order forms for teachers will also be distributed. We will eventually have online ordering through the website. Spirit wall has been set up in the office for viewing of sizes, designs etc. We will have periods of time throughout the year when ordering will be available. After this initial sale we will have another in October/November. We will be selling spirit wear at the snack bar as well.

Drawings

- Procedure for drawings is different this year – you must be present to win. Only teachers that attend the meeting are eligible for teacher drawing.
- Parent: Derrick Peckham
- Teacher: Christen Otta
- New this year – Maple creek trivia drawing for various prizes. Winners: Mr. Zante and Kassy Chahuan

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm