

SUNNYSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2009

6:30 pm

Jacob Mestman's house

Attendees: Beth Azar, Brandon Sawyer, Britt Stoller, Cindi Carrell, Clair Barnett, Dan Kepler, Ericka Grogan, Gagan Singh, Gina Binole, Jacob Mestman, Jennifer O'Connor, Mario Galinda, Neeley Wells, Zoe Pederson, Rebecca Wagner, Kathryn Kohl,

1. Call to Order- Ericka Grogan

2. Harvest Faire Update by Britt Stoller.

Organization of HF is better than last year's. Amy, Assistant Principle has been great with working with the Middle Schoolers for the game booths. Tea cups are needed for the cookie palace, tea cups need to be sanitized. Britt made the decision to not sell bottled water this year, instead we will have 5 Gallon containers. Mike Clark has been organizing the dinner and getting a lot of food donations. We will need to organize the students for kitchen clean up crew. The janitor is paid by the PTSA for his work at the HF \$400.00. Britt reminded everyone to turn in receipts from HF costs in to Gagan for reimbursement.

3. Sustainability Coordinator Update.

Sarah and Amy have identified Alder and Michelle as potential candidates for the Sustainability Coordinator, (SC) job each working ½ time positions. Recommendation made by Cindi Carrell that a contract be written between the PTSA, Sarah and the employee. Neeley Wells would like there to be an interview process for the position.

Motion made by Ericka Grogan that Sarah and Amy should have the ultimate decision on the hiring of the Sustainability Coordinator with the PTSA acting in an advisory role. There will be a written agreement which includes a letter of understanding and a contract between the PTSA and Sarah regarding our role as advisors for the SC position, including an understood time frame.

Motion seconded. All PTSA members agreed.

4. Librarian Kathryn Kohl

Kathryn introduced herself and explained her education background and previous work experience. She currently works part time at the Clackamas County Library and at Kaiser Permanente along with her part time position at SES.

SES library looks good and needs a lot of work. Current most pressing task is updating the Library Data base so that students can begin getting into the library as soon as possible. She anticipates completion of that task requires 1-2 full

days work with the help of parents. One of Kathryn's goals is to be able to teach middle school students how to do research like college students. A cutting edge school needs to have a media specialist for students to have the skills to navigate the technology available to them.

Kathryn is in the library on Tuesdays all day and on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 am to 1:00pm.

5. Grounds Update

Beth Azar handed out the most recent proposed plan for grounds at Sunnyside School Park.

Plan: A formal statement from the PTSA in response to the proposal would be powerful tool to communicate our ideas. People can send comments to Beth and she will draft a formal response to the most recent proposal. Responses must be submitted to Rachael Bloom by October 30, 2009.

6. Fundraising Updates

Poinsettia/wreath sale is approaching in Nov. Claire Barnett will talk with Petrea to discuss how to differentiate the funds between the classes. She will try to draft up an order form by next week.

Read-A-Thon Fundraiser will be for 3 weeks starting on Monday February 8, 2010 and finalize with an all day Pajama Party reading day on March 7, 2010. However, Field study days are often on Tuesdays; consider changing the final day celebration. Need to determine specifics such as: time units of reading that are class level specific, how much money will go back to the library, classroom incentives, parent involvement and volunteer opportunities. Kiwanis Club sponsors read -a-thons; maybe we can learn how to implement this using their model.

Ericka will draft a letter to the business community explaining why we are not having an auction this year, and how they might be able to support our other fundraising efforts.

Party Boards should be presented at the crafts fair on Dec. 5th so that people can buy them for holiday gifts for other people.

Spring time Social Event date should be decided either April 23, 2010 or April 24, 2010.

7. Kitchen Coordinator Update

Anne Maddson has volunteered to be the new Kitchen Coordinator. We will need to buy some new kitchen equipment. Cindi Carrell bought new forks. A new stove is needed.

8. Chris Anderson agreed to finish the Special Education Room.

9. Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: November 18, 2009 at 6:30pm at Jennifer O'Connor's house