

Sherwood Elementary PSO

January 16, 2018

Called to order 7:00pm, meeting ended 9:00pm

Board Members in attendance:

Leslie Wilke, Co-President; Suzanne Bridgeford-Campbell, Co-President; Vanessa Knowles, Co-VP of Fundraising; Sarah Lewis, Co-VP of Volunteers; Liz Morgan, Co-VP of Volunteers; Lauren Timpe, VP of Communications; Carrie Hulbert, VP of Events; Heather Alschuler, secretary; Christi Kesler, principal

Not in attendance:

Kelly Oliver, Co-VP of Fundraising; Melissa Johansson, VP Hospitality; Molly Spellman, Co-Treasurer; Jessica Allende, Co-Treasurer; Kelly Jain, VP of Family & Community Relations; Diana Gray, Auditor

Welcome

Leslie/Suzanne

Principal's Report

Christi Kessler

Report Cards - Second report card will come electronically. Paper copies will have to be requested through Skyward.

Levy Vote – There is an upcoming vote on Feb 3rd for approval of the 2018 Replacement School Programs and Operations Levy. The district is offering three community meetings to answer questions regarding the vote. They are also offering to go out and meeting with individual schools if there is localized interest. There are three community meetings scheduled by the end of the month open to community members, families, staffs and students. If there is interest in a Sherwood specific meeting, Christi is able to set one up for us.

Safety – There was a jogger attacked by Yost park this morning, and in response Christi sent home a message with reminders of safety. The take home message was that it is okay to call 911 whenever there is even suspected danger. Vanessa proposed offering a self-defense class at the school.

Technology- With the designated PSO money, leaders in the school have chosen to try some out some new technology, including the following:

Seesaw – a new parent teacher communication tool

A variety of new Math and reading programs and games

Cubetto – a new coding teaching tool

Ultimate Frisbee – A parent in the school, who is an UW ultimate Frisbee coach, will be coming in and offering a clinic for the 1-3 grade students after school, as a PSO sponsored event and insured event. Mrs. Thain will be at the school same hours of the clinic, but will be coaching another activity at that time.

Art Committee

Suzanne

Suzanne and others met last week with School District recommended art instructor Mona Fairchild. She has done a lot of work with the Shoreline district and displayed art work in downtown Edmonds. We will be moving forward with her, as she seemed like a fabulous fit for the wanted art program. Each student will be doing two projects with Mona.

Projects have been selected around a Flora and Fauna theme to be displayed at the Art Walk. Some examples of the projects each grade will be working on are:

K - Snail and fish

- 1- Weather and air
- 2- Owls and butterflies
- 3- Pollinators
- 4- Tree Project
- 5- Balance and Motion
- 6- Living Organisms

Final costs are still being worked out, as the supplies will most likely put the project slightly over budget, due to the number of students that attend the school this year. Suzanne will be reaching out to some stores who may be able to provide a discount for some of the art supplies. May also ask parents to help donate specific supplies that are needed. Kathy is also going through current supplies that we have already in the school so we can use those as well. Mona, the art instructor, also has some supplies that she can contribute.

Kathy and Libby will be taking care of scheduling with the teachers. And Mona would like to teach up to four classes per day, so each class will be getting their projects completed quick quickly.

There has been a request to have some parent involvement, if possible, when completing projects in the classroom.

Final display of the art will be at the Art Walk on June 15th. The plan is to pair the walk with end of the year BBQ.

There will need some volunteers for the Art Walk. And if all goes as well as is perceived, this might be something we could keep as an ongoing project each year. We should look into grants or find additional funding sources to have Mona back in future years.

Cookie Dough

Vanessa

Cookie Dough sales will kick off at Skate night on January 23rd. Money that is raised from cookie dough sales will go towards 'recess enhancement'. The plan is to run sales and incentives similarly as last year.

History of sales:

2015 682 tubs

2016 489 tubs

2017 766 tubs, earned \$6100

Last year there was a movie ticket incentive that if a student sold three tubs of cookie dough they received a free movie ticket from Edmonds Movie Theater. If a student sold 7, they received 2 movie tickets. And an additional ticket for each four (4) tubs they sold after.

Top selling classes will also win a prize

Top sellers will win a prize (one from younger half and one from older half of students)

Top seller from each class will receive \$5 revelation card

Skate Night

Vanessa

Skate night is January 23rd.

We still need more volunteers for the skate night.

Skate night costs are higher this year due to the increase of the venue. Therefore we are hoping more families will show up!

Kindergarten kickoff

Suzanne

Kindergarten kickoff is on Monday, February 5th 6:30-7:30pm. There will be a presentation that will be standardized across the district, with a few Sherwood specific details.

Incoming families will receive a Kindergarten Kits, similar to last year . Sara will lead this project and they will be included in welcome packages.

We will have a PSO newsletter sign up sheet at registration and kick off to reach all of the new families coming to the school next year.

Volunteer Opportunities 2017/2018

- **Skate Night**—Chairs: Laura Meyer and Vanessa Knowles (Jan 23rd) --- still need more volunteers
- **Family Dance**—Chairs: OPEN + 5th grade parent (Feb 23rd) --- still looking for a chair. Kelly has organized a DJ and glow sticks. Lesley will chair if no other parents are able to volunteer. There is still a need to choose a theme and other details that a chair will have to take care of.
- **Cookie Dough**—Chair: Kelly Oliver + Vanessa Knowles (Mar) – kick off at skate night Jan 23rd.
- **Movie Nights**—will be moving to an every other month for movie nights because of the lack of volunteer participation. To finish out this year, we will have movie nights in March and May
 - March 9th
 - May TBA
- For the 2018/19 will plan to host movie nights in Sept, Nov, Jan, March, May
- **Talent Show**—Chair: Angie Oliver + ? (likely March but TBD)
- **ArtWalk**—Chair: Suzanne (June 15th)
- **Box Top Coordinator**—Chair: Jennifer Powell (May)

Events still to schedule –

- General PSO meeting – TBD June'ish
- Volunteer mixer – not wanting to have it at someone's house to save money and not put it at someone's house. Looking for a venue that will be able to host the mixer at a low to no cost option. Sarah and Liz will start looking for a venue. Tentative dates - May 21st or 22nd

Additional dates and information

Code night – May 30th

Field Day – mid June

Amy Lang talk – Have talked about getting her into talk. It would be \$650. Could potentially do a community event with Westgate and charge admission.

Wreath reflection – We do not have specific numbers to share as of yet, but because of the wreath sales we were able to cover some surprise extra expenses for the mitten program. Overall, from an unofficial emotional standpoint, the wreath seemed to be worth it.

Next PSO Board Meeting: Propose February 12 - 22