

PTC Quarterly Meeting September 24, 2024 6:30-7:25

Attendees: Katelin Ellis, Kellie Rowley, Meagan McShane, Tonita Jackson, Sally Kallianis, Elizabeth Richards, Martha Chan, Cassandra Buyserie, Teresa Talmadge, Jessica Clark, Jennifer Quartermaine, Leila Annen, Jenn DeGuzman, Cherie Reese, Mx. Natalie

Principal's Update (Cherie): We are still working through logging in with Raptor. For Jog-a-thon, anyone signed up to volunteer by Thursday will be prechecked by Cassandra and can get a volunteer sticker and go through without checking in. Anyone who signs up after that will still have to do the full check in at the Raptor tablet. The fence is set up and fully enclosed. The perimeter gates are locked from exterior entry but can get out. While the front gate is locked all the time, the back gates at the back drive and rainbow are only locked during school hours. Traffic flow for drop off and pick up is going smoothly with the new flow and cones. They are discussing with the district a more permanent solution, such as the cones at Hiteon.

Jessica raised concerns and questions she has heard from other parents regarding what can be done to make the school and fence more friendly and inviting and welcoming?

Katelin reminded that the decision was made by a prior bond measure to increase the security of the buildings and volunteer opportunities to get into the school are available every week.

Cassandra added that the fencing does have a prison vibe and there may be options to decorate it. Cedar Park, for example, had a fundraiser years ago to buy decorations (fish) for families to decorate and put on their fence and brightens it up and makes it more friendly. This could also be a potential Fifth Grade Legacy project.

Mx. Natalie, Sexton Mountain Elementary's social worker spoke to the PTC about their role in our school community. They have a degree in social work and a teaching license. They help provide many resources to students and families in need and spends ½ their time at Sexton Mountain and ½ at another school. This includes resources to remove barriers to accessing the school, behavioral and emotional support for students, weekend food boxes in partnership with Pacific Foods, and they work with the PTC to provide book fair vouchers, BINGO and carnival access. They work to find therapists and doctor references, glasses and eye appointments, and McKinney Vento referrals.

Sally asked how the position is funding and what can be done to keep the position? Mx. Natalie said COVID grants likely started funding the position, but it on a year by year basis. Most schools only have someone ½ time in the position. Cherie added that as funding runs low the state looks for additional funding from grants to keep the position available. In addition to all the work above they also work with Sierra with student groups.

Treasure update - budgets (Kellie): 2023-2024 budget needs final approval after a few shifts at the end of year. Voted to Approve.

For the current year 2024-2025 budget proposal the following areas were discussed. For fundraising, Jog-a-thon is the largest fundraiser for the PTC. The bulk of spending comes from funds raised for the Jog-a-thon. People's corporate matches go towards grants and sponsorships and do count to the net total, however, they do not go towards individual total for prizes since they aren't equitable which companies match donations or not. The "We Love Our

School” Campaign this year will go to Makerspace. The target is \$4,000, however this yields a net \$0 in fundraising as all funds go towards the recipient. The expenses remain typical each year and go towards teacher allotments and class parties and such; there are some proposed changes for this year. For field trips the PTC will cover buses plus \$5 per kid. Any amount over would still be asked from families. Prior years covered just bussing and this change was proposed after learning many PTCs in the district provide more for field trips. Education enrichment and PTC discretionary buckets cover requests outside specific line items. Two PTC events were changed to generic “Family Nights” in November and January. A survey for November’s Family Night went out in the recent Sparky’s Scoop to decide between Movie Night or Game Night. At a later date January’s will be decided between Family Dance or Talent show. The Walking School Bus budget was increased to include the addition of the Bike Bus. A Principal Discretionary bucket was separated from Student/Staff Wellness. Cherie added that she is thankful for this change and all district money must go directly to students, this allows for small treats and niceties for her staff, too. Elizabeth added that some day it would be nice if district funds could go towards staff as well. Jenn DeGuzman asked about the 5th Grade Yearbook donations being different from prior years? This was changed from paying for busses for the fifth grade party as they are moving towards local walkable locations. The PTC wants to contribute to a tangible item for the fifth graders and decided to contribute towards their yearbooks. Asked for additional budget questions? No. Voted to approve 2024-2025 budget.

No one has come forward to lead the Fifth Grade Committee. While there has been interest asking about it no one yet is currently willing to step up and lead the committee to be able to start fundraising. Sally offered that she is willing to help anyone who would like to lead as she has done it with an older child. Jen DeGuzman is also willing to help guide.

Fundraising: Jog-a-thon update: Sally said there will be DQ coupons reward from a combination of Aloha and Beaverton locations. They have been getting in kind donations and current expenses have come in just under the budgeted \$3000. They will have skinny pop and Jamba Juice. Otterpops had been purchased prior to confirmation from Jamba Juice and will be saved for Field Day. Current donations are about \$13, 556 which is trending quite a bit behind last years YTD. Sally has been out at pickup with QR codes for donations and volunteer sign ups. Katelin said this week’s parentsquare needs to be about Jog-a-thon on Thursday. Cassandra will do a bookfair one and Leila will send the BINGO notice out Monday. Pre Order form closes Tuesday.

Dining for Dollars is adding Piccolo Mondo Toys this November.

Communications (Leila): the PTC website will be updated ongoing with current information. Leaders of events and activities need to submit their info on time! Katelin said there have been questions regarding the staff favorites and asked that the website be updated with the staff favorites list, deactivate info from employees no longer there and send out a survey for new employees to be added.

Volunteering: Cassandra mentioned that if people are unable to see opportunities to let her know. Most people should have no issues, sometimes they may need to adjust their filters if

viewing from computer. A few people are having issues seeing any opportunities and will need to work through to figure out. Jen asked about signing in? Everyone needs to sign in in the office, no longer an app. Teresa asked about Book fair volunteer opportunities. Hannah is working on it and will get shifts in soon. Set up will be Oct 4th with the book fair open the following week. Elizabeth brought up some recent gift card scams and concerns for using gift cards purchased from stores for staff. E-gift cards, printable gift cards, and Costco that aren't able to be touched prior to purchase all seem safer options.

Committees (Meagan): Meagan thanked Jessica for running BINGO. Jessica said October is generally a busy month for her and other months in future would be easier for her.

Spiritwear - Tonita is getting the website ready to start apparel sales.

Member-at-large (Cassandra): no updates

Secretary (Martha): no updates.

Any additional questions?

Jessica mentioned that some PTCs on Mom sites are posting support for teachers during bargaining as it is not going well currently. Is the SME PTC able and willing to show their support?

Elizabeth noted that the district calendar is not available online as it normally is, could it be related to teacher bargaining? Planning for future spring trip difficult. Cassandra and Cherie mentioned it is not their authority however Spring break will likely stay last full week of March. Start of school, end of school, and winter break are generally less certain.

Sally asked about a PTC Instagram account? SME has one currently run by Cherie. The board may discuss at next board meeting.