

PSO Notes- March 15th, 2022
Westgate PSO

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Attendees: To be added

Introductions Names

- Board Members Present: Kalina, Ellen, Kristin, Kristina, Amanda

Ellen called for the motion to approve last meeting minutes- approved

Treasurer Report-Kalina

- Total \$1,496- Total invoiced and expense
- All invoices have been sent.
- Will have number later as to what was used vs what was budgeted for
- There is over \$6000 left in grant money, teachers need to start using their money.
- \$600 is allotted to the 6th grade graduation.
- Paid insurance bill \$932.00 was up from last year.
- \$66,000 we are still sitting well.
- Teachers get your grant reimbursements in so your class can go on field trips.
- PSO Website needs to be updated and hopefully we can have a secure site.
- Formal motion to have an end of year Field Day instead of carnival event - Approved, No Opposed.

Mr. Hearn Report

- Events at Westgate- thinks that every event has been student centered and Enriching. Kids are having so much fun. For the teachers it is easy and efficient to get a grant from the PSO.
- Art Docent Program- For the following 2023-2024 school year. Jessie and Leah will be heading that program. They are trying to get a head start on it this year.
- Still have Kiln- and will want to use it next year.
- Asking for \$500 to start the program again- this would be asking for a grant.
- There will be an upcoming art committee to get this program up and running again.
- The program will need a Westgate parent(s) to spearhead this program as well
- Will need parent volunteers for every classroom.
- Email to be sent out soon in preparation for next year.

Open House/Art Walk- Next Event along with the last day of the silent auction

Art walk-

- To be a family centered event- what can we do to make this more unique?
- Have the art filled in the hallways and have an open classroom concept, where teachers will be there and kids can bring their families to their class.
- The event will go from 6-7:30 (if they open the gym).
- The school will be closed at 7:00 pm sharp, and teachers will be able to go home.
- Possibly have the upper band members play music and have a small snack in the gym after the ArtWalk, could be in the gym or maybe outside.
- Weather? If the weather is not cooperating, where would this community bond event go to? The gym?

Auction-

- To be held online from April 24-28
- There will be tangible items on display during the Art Walk, but all bidding will be done online
- Still need more donations, can anyone help procure donations?
- Need a photographer willing to donate, as this would be a good.

Science Assembly- Extreme Science Assembly

- To be held during the Art Walk/Auction Week on April 27th.
- There will be two assemblies.
- 1-3 grade 1st assembly and 4-6th grade 2nd Assembly

Counselors-

- Sensory boards/and have more sensory items available to students.
- Will be a designated room students can go into and the teacher assistants.
- They will be asking for a small grant.

Science Night Recap-

- Thank you, Amanda, for helping put on such a great rich, and rewarding night.
- There was so much praise and positive notes coming from this night.
- This night gave families who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford a day at the science center a chance to experience what its like at the science center.
- Feedback- Kids loved it, especially the bunny exhibit.

- So many animals= bunnies, ferrets, fingerprinting done with the Edmonds police department.
- Food options were good, hopefully next year PSO can come up with a different payment option.
- Next year suggestions- maybe kids can also present on a rotating schedule?

Yearbook-

- Kristin (PSO Co Chair) has been heading up the yearbook
- Dorian will be completing this yearbook this year.
- Yearbook price went up to \$20 to help cover costs for kids that are not able to afford a yearbook but would still like one.
- One option for kids to get a yearbook is tell the teacher or send a note to the office.
- Mrs. Chang- In the past the students that wanted a yearbook the parents would go to the office and ask for the assistance
- Teachers can also make a best guess
- You will be able to pay on the website, and donate on the website as well.
- All who purchase yearbooks will also get an autograph book.
- If kids do not want a yearbook, they can still get a free autograph book
- As a token send off all 6th graders will be given a free yearbook
- Goal of the yearbooks is to break even, or even a little money is good for the PSO.

1st grade open house-

- This was started last year when the kindergartners went to the Woodway Center
- Usually the event happens in May... this would be the 2nd year of doing this event
- The Event is put on by the PSO, board members will help out with the event and maybe some other volunteers
- There will be a scavenger hunt
- This is seen as a good transition event
- There will be popcorn

Ellen- Co chair- PSO Roles

- Talk about the upcoming PSO roles and shadowing for next year
- Wants everyone to express interest if they are interested in any board roles

- Would need some sort of commitment by May 15th which may be our last PSO meeting of this year
- The board had a different way of completing things this year
- We don't want the board to be seen as overwhelming, there are many opportunities/positions that are able to co-chair, if you don't want to do it alone
- Making sure roles are what they should or what they want them to be
- Don't want to make sure that it is too overwhelming.

Carnival/Field Day Discussion

- We have decided as the PSO board to not do the carnival this year, and instead have changed it to an enhanced field day
- This event will be a "souped up" field day
- There will be added games, prizes and more water balloons
- Will need parent volunteers
- This is to be seen as an end of the year celebration
- Some people may be happy and sad if the Carnival goes away
- All kids would be able to participate, rather than families coming back to campus like they did on the carnival
- There is some thought on extending the day for an extended field day, nothing is written in stone yet.
- Will need to speak to Mr. Walton first as he is the one who usually spearheads this event.
- Not sure if we will need more parent volunteers as the 5th and 6th grades may be able to chaperone/help with the event.
- Will need to get the staff input do you think this would be manageable for your class, will this create more headache for you
- Nothing has been defined, and idea is to have two different field times
- Some things to think about
- Carnival cost was \$5500 with two bouncy castles, seemed pricy
- Souped up field day would cost the school about \$2000 with bounce house and treats

Norah- guest speaker

- Cross Guard Safety- Making our crossing safer
- City Council Meeting
- Team effort of Michele and Mr. Hearn
- There was a unanimous vote to pass an ordinance with school cameras for Edmonds.
- Would like to have a coffee date with Chief Bennett

- 224th confusion, is it a four way stop? What is happening at that corner?
- Norah- guest speaker Safety Committee Cont.
- Public works to look at this intersection?
- Email city council and see what can be done about 224th intersections

Meeting concluded at 7:34 pm