

October 21, 2020 PSO General Meeting Minutes

In attendance: 17 in attendance including board members Tara Blake (Fundraising Chair); Liz Erickson (Treasurer); Laurie Ganberg (Secretary); and staff members Mary Freitas (Principal); Carrie Engbert (Teacher Liaison); Michele Hamilton (Office Manager); Lisa Lyons (Nurse); Andrea Sisley (LAP Reading Teacher); Patti Gilman (Kindergarten teacher).

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm and adjourned at 7:30pm

I. Introductions

II. Principal's Report

- Reopening Plans: We don't know when we'll be back in person, but getting ready. Priorities will be social distancing and frequent handwashing. Working on parking, daily attestation form for symptoms. Putting a lot of measures in place to keep students and staff safe. Nurse Lisa shared that she's been impressed by coordination of Snohomish County Health Department, state, and school districts and the safety measures that will be in place.
- Thanks for support of Picture Day. Good opportunity to practice being safe when we're back in school in person.
- For the ESD Foundation 5k we were in the top 20 teams! Made about \$1300 from that event which goes directly to the school (not PSO).

III. Fundraising Update

- The easiest and most direct way to support the PSO is through direct donations via PayPal. You can [donate one time or set up a monthly donation](#).
- **Charleston Wrap Fundraiser** - will be entirely online and everything is shipped directly home. This will be happening now until November 20. Already made \$700 in the first week.
- **Spirit Wear** - within the next week or so, will be pre-order only. Will need to be handed out and coordinated with school.
- **Goodwill Truck** - confirming with Westgate Chapel to use their parking lot. January 23 from 2-5pm. We will need volunteers to help unload/load.
- **ShopwithScrip** - You can purchase a gift card for stores that you already shop at and then the school gets a percentage of the gift card amount as a donation. Information is on the website. <https://www.westgatepsso.org/fundraise.html>
- **Car Wash tickets** (not allowed to advertise on FB or website) - will be pre-orders only.
- **Amazon Smile** - choose Westgate Parent Staff Organization as the charity and turn on Amazon smile on your Amazon app or shop at smile.amazon.com and Westgate receives a percentage donation of eligible purchases. Info here: <https://www.westgatepsso.org/fundraise.html>
- **BoxTops** - if you buy items that still have box tops, you can drop them off at the school. There's a new app for BoxTops to scan your receipts and Westgate gets credit for box top items.
- **Fred Meyers Rewards** - if you shop there, connect your reward card.

IV. Other

- Take photos of your kids doing remote learning for the yearbook
- Looking for a couple of parents to translate PSO documents. Spanish and Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Amharic especially.

V. Family Support

- Survey in English and Spanish is available, along with resources, on our website: <https://www.westgatepsso.org/family-support.html>

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- Discussed having Sally Guzman from District Family Support come to a future PSO meeting.
- “Sharing Snowman” Gift Card Fundraiser will be happening soon. School is also working on food bank donation collections

VI. **Budget and Grants**

- Raised \$163 in September
- First grade team requested \$1452 to buy 1350 books to give to students to support reading. Question about whether there is any way for the books to be donated; however books were already purchased by the team. Discussion about whether books could be returned for future years’ students at the end of the year; acknowledgement it’s hard to get books back and there’s value in “ownership” of books, another idea about students choosing a few books to give to next year’s 1st graders. K teacher shared that she prints out books from razzkids and gets them returned. Questions about whether PSO could fund part of the grant and ask them to use some of classroom expense \$. Decided to postpone voting on grant tonight to ask first grade teachers about requesting books back at end of year.

VII. **Guest speaker - Nurse Lisa!**

- Happy to answer any parents’ questions
- Drinking fountains will not be available
- Kids will need water bottles to be able to drink water during the day. Discussion about how PSO could help with having back up water bottles at school. Will make decisions when there is a more clear date for return to in person learning.

Next meeting is November 18 from 6:30-7:30pm