

Deer Creek Elementary PSO General Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Attendees: Carol Halvorson, Tamiko Murman, Cindy Koonz, Dina Christophersen, Juliet Hugeback, Melissa Burr, Terri Harrington, Heather Robinson, Ali Unverzagt, Marit Mayer, Cori Waufle, Amy Buitenhak, Amanda Case, Kim Doughty, Akimi Murata, Jeremy Galvin, Sierra Tran, Amy Megaree, Danielle Carrillo

Introductions & Welcome | *Tamiko Murman*

- Had everyone get to know each other by talking about our favorite fall traditions
- Explained what the PSO does for any parents that were new to meetings

Principal's Report | *Cori Waufle*

- Friday prior to the meeting the entire Deer Creek staff participated in training (teachers, admin, custodial, etc)
- Teachers have started online training on the new science curriculum TWIG
- New health curriculum with start in the third quarter
- Conference scheduling begins this week. All meetings will be virtual, and parents need to sign up for a slot with each teacher
- Volunteer access to the building has been delayed to November. The original timeline was October, but they will continue to discuss a new timeline. Currently only essential staff and visitors are allowed inside
- Deer Creek is the largest elementary school by enrollment in TTSD and we haven't had to quarantine a classroom. Thanks in part to teacher, staff and parents following protocols in place. The goal of the year is still to keep all students on campus for the whole year
- Terri asked if teachers could mention volunteering to parents at conference times to get interest for future months. Cori said that they will most likely wait until after the new year before checking on parent volunteer interest levels

Associate Principal's Report | *Dina Christophersen*

- Still learning what the Associate Principal role will be at Deer Creek since this is a new position
- Currently a lot of time has been spent supporting students with behavior assistance. One current focus has been working on being safe, kind, and responsible on the bus. They implemented the Golden Bus award for rewarding appropriate behavior on the bus and plan to use it throughout the year. Last week all the buses earned the award

Title I Presentation | *Carol Halvorson, Literacy Specialist*

- Two documents were sent out in the parent newsletter for feedback on changes or adjustments. Carol also shared on screen during the meeting and asked for comments or feedback
 1. Parent Compact- a pledge for students, family, and school for the school year regarding commitments and responsibilities for the year. These will be completed during conferences
 2. PIP (Parent Involvement Plan)- asked for everyone to look at it and give their feedback. It is a comprehensive document so several parents said they would review and provide feedback directly to Carol.

Teacher's Report | *Kim Doughty*

- Art literacy bags are looking great
- Thank you to the PSO for the approval of the teacher discretionary funds for this school year.

Treasurer's Report | *Melissa Burr*

- Budget update- not a lot of activity. Only a few minor deposits from dine outs
- Teacher Discretionary Funds- four requests so far. Tamiko also provided an explanation on the funds that full time teachers can request reimbursement up to \$100 from the PSO for items for their classrooms. Amounts decrease from there depending on part time, etc. They can purchase and ask for reimbursement or send the items to Melissa on Amazon and she will purchase and have sent to the school directly

Fundraising Update

Art to Remember | *Cindy Koonz*

- All artwork has been completed and turned in ahead of schedule, which earned us a little extra fundraising money. Forms will be coming back around the 27th and then will be distributed in the classrooms for orders

Dine-outs | *Juliet Hugeback*

- Earned \$269.33 for Red Robin dine out last month
- Beach Hut will be on October 14th from 4 to 8. There is no special code needed to order, we just get 20% back on all orders during that time
- Upcoming dineouts: Panera in Tualatin (Nov 11), Chipotle (Jan) and Panda Express (Feb)

Spirit Wear | *Amy Megargee*

- Reminder flyer came home with students about orders. Deadline was extended until October 17th

Upcoming Events/Volunteer Opportunities

- Classroom Harvest Parties, October 27- Parents can reach out to teachers and see if they need any classroom donations
- CANDY BUY-BACK, November 1-10- Bins will be placed at the school for kids to bring in unwanted candy. Wilson Orthodontics will pay the PSO per pound of donated candy. Also discussed possible incentives to offer the students to

encourage them to bring in their candy to donate. Cori will talk to the staff for ideas and get back to the PSO

- Next PSO Meeting: November 9 at 9am. Will have a morning meeting this time to make sure that parents have an opportunity to attend that might not be available in the evening

New Business

- Concerns were brought up regarding the traffic at the school for pick-up and drop-off. People are being seen driving up on curbs, doing illegal u-turns and other unsafe behaviors. Cori said that the staff is aware and trying to find solutions. She is looking at forming a parent committee to get feedback on ways to try and address the concerns
- Clarification was requested on the new health and wellness program at the school. WHAM (Wellness, Health, Activity, Movement) is the name of the new district program that is trying to promote health and activity. As a result, a second PE teacher was hired, and they do both games and physical activities as well as talk about mental health and wellness.
- The optional OSHU Covid testing program enrollment forms have been returned and the school is going through them and verifying that they are all completed correctly. They anticipate the forms should be sent to OHSU this week and they will hear back on start dates near the end of the month.

End of Meeting at 8:16 pm