

# Deer Creek Elementary PSO General Meeting Minutes November 9th, 2021

Call to Order: 9:02 am

Attendees: Amanda Case, Amanda Durfee-Spencer, Amy Buitenhek, Barbara Gornick, Cindy Koonz, Daisy Ruiz, Tamiko Murman, Dina Christophersen, Jamie Tierney, Alicia Jang, Juliet Hugeback, Carol Halvorsen, Kelly Gallagher, Khristina Hryniewicz, Melissa Burr, Sierra Tran, Terri Harrington, Jeremy Galvin, Cori Waufle

Introductions & Welcome | *Tamiko Murman*

- Had everyone get to know each other by talking about something new they started doing as a family during COVID that they want to keep doing (examples included: family movie nights, weekly family meetings, being outdoors more, working remotely, etc.)

Principal's Report | *Cori Waufle*

- Let the PSO know how much they appreciate the upcoming teach luncheon
- Test collections for OSHU's COVID weekly testing program has started. Students are sent home with a collection tube on Fridays, and they return them on Mondays. Families will be notified from OSHU directly regarding results, information is not shared with the school. Families can opt in or out of the program at anytime and more information is available on the school's site.
- Volunteers can return to the school buildings starting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Must complete signup online. Background check, online training and COVID vaccination proof is required. Background checks are good for 3 years but required training must be completed every year. Once you have been approved to volunteer, please schedule directly with your student's teacher. There are no school wide volunteer opportunities currently (ie. Library), but they will revisit that after the new year.
- Cori provided clarification that COVID notices are only sent out when there is possible exposure at the school with someone who tested positive. A few new cases were shown on the district's dashboard but they were not people that were onsite or possibly exposed staff or students, so no notices went out.

Associate Principal's Report | *Dina Christophersen (via Carol Halverson)*

- Golden Bus awards are still going well
- New focus is on using "Kind Words"
- There is also a focus on proper lunchroom behavior, with a prize of music at lunchtime.

Title I Presentation | *Carol Halvorson, Literacy Specialist*

- No updates currently

#### Family Partnership Advocate | *Daisy Ruiz*

- Gift Card Drive: looking for donations of gift cards to WinCo and Wal-Mart for families in need. Donations will be collected thru Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. Specifically looking for those 2 locations because both offer a wide range of cultural food options to allow families to purchase foods important to their family traditions, as well as limited usage to non-alcoholic items.
- Packed with Pride: a few families that have signed up are not able to pick up during the designated times on Wednesday evenings. Looking for volunteers to help pick up and drop off so those families can still participate. A few parents indicated they would be able to assist so they will connect directly with Daisy.

#### Treasurer's Report | *Melissa Burr*

- Only a few deposits for dine outs and yearbook sales
- Minor expenses include a few teacher reimbursements, Harvest party supplies and construction paper for the school

#### Volunteer Update | *Sierra Tran*

- Volunteers will be able to start back in the building next Monday the 15th
- TTSD background check, online training, and proof of COVID vaccination is required
- Max of 2 hours per day in the building and times must be scheduled in advance, masks are required at all times, must maintain 3-6 feet social distancing, sign in and out at the front desk and you can't move to different classrooms and see other students.

#### Fundraising Update

##### 1. Art to Remember | *Cindy Koonz*

Deadline for classroom delivery is this week. So far, we are over 20% participation, but Tamiko will send out another communication to see if we can get another last minute push. People can still order after this week, but those orders will require shipping.

##### 2. Dine-outs | *Juliet Hugeback*

- a. No totals for the Beach Hut dine out yet.
- b. Panera (Tualatin) will be Nov 11<sup>th</sup> and you must show the flyer or put in code for online purchases.
- c. Dec 4<sup>th</sup> will be a Book Fair at Barnes and Noble in Bridgeport, working on getting a food partner in that area as well for same night
- d. Jan will be Chipotle and Feb will be Panda Express

##### 3. Other (Candy Buy-Back, Minted, Mabel's Labels) | *Tamiko Murman*

- a. Candy Buy Back ends on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Will take in to get weighed on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Reminder of on-going fundraisers:
  - \*Minted.com (get 20% off and 15% to PSO) Use code FUNDRAISEDEERCREEKELMPTO
  - \*AmazonSmile (select Deer Creek PSO and then a percentage of all your Amazon purchases go to the PSO)
  - \*BoxTops (no need to clip them anymore, use app and scan receipt)
  - \*BottleDrop Give (extra bags in lobby or ask your student's teacher to send one home)
  - \*Fred Meyer Community Rewards

#### Upcoming Events/Volunteer Opportunities

1. NO SCHOOL: November 11-12
2. Staff Luncheon: November 19
3. Thanksgiving Break: November 24-26
4. Next PSO Meeting: December 14 at 7pm

#### New Business

1. Yearbook Cover Contest flyer will be going out next week. Students can turn in their artwork to their teachers or submit online. All submissions will be due by Dec 17<sup>th</sup> and voting will start after the new year.
2. Oregon Battle of the Books will be happening again this year. More details to come!