

PTO General Meeting Minutes November 18, 2008

- I. Welcome/Check-in
 - a. PTO President Amy Cutt welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
- II. District Updates – Amy Cutt
 - a. Dual immersion – Next year the district will be conducting a Pilot Program at Parley’s Park and McPolin Elementary Schools. This optional program will consist of one half of the day being conducted in Spanish and one half of the day in English. Literature is available that describes the benefits of this program. If you would like to find out more about this program, please contact the Park City School District Office.
 - b. Attendance Policy – The district has a new attendance policy pertaining to extracurricular programs. This updated policy will provide more flexibility for students that participate in extracurricular activities as well as instances in which family travel is involved. The policy changes can be obtained from the Park City School District Office.
 - c. Gang Awareness – The Park City Police Department has hired a detective to work in gang awareness and prevention. He was formerly the gang detective in Salt Lake City. He will be doing a presentation in January at Park City High School. Mindy Nelson is also working with the fourth and fifth graders at JRES to increase their gang awareness knowledge. Laurie White, our new school counselor, formerly worked at the High School and Treasure Mountain Middle School in Drug Enforcement. Laurie stressed the importance of having an open dialog with your children surrounding drugs. She also informed us that the Sheriff’s Office has a drop off for expired pharmaceuticals. Put them in a plain paper bag and do not include the bottle and drop them off at the Sheriff’s Office.
- III. Chair Reports
 - a. Box Tops for School – Has brought in \$1077.00. Thanks to Sheila Avery and JoAnn O’Brien for organizing this. Also, thanks to all the students-parents and other volunteers that helped to make this program such a success.
- IV. Budget - Julie Eihausen
 - a. Currently we are \$6394.40 in arrears. We are looking at some additional sources of revenue. The budget was approved.
- V. Updates
 - a. Weather Station – Principal Kuennen reported that we already have a weather station that is not being used. It was purchased in 1996 and installed in 2000. We are looking at updating the computer to one that is internet capable. Hopefully for some minimal funds we can upgrade the system to make it functional. Principal Kuennen will obtain estimates for upgrading the weather station.
 - b. Thank You – Paula Botkin sent us a thank you note for the meals that were provided during parent-teacher conferences. We would like to thank Karen Pena for organizing the meals. Thanks Karen, the meals are always wonderful and greatly appreciated. The Peace House wrote a thank you

note for all the new books that were donated from the book fair. These will be greatly appreciated by the clients of the Peace House.

- c. Write-a-Check – Craig Eroh reported that we will be conducting a write-a-check campaign to tie in with Thanksgiving. This totally voluntary program is being conducted in an attempt to make up some of the budget shortfall. 100% of the proceeds will go to the JRES PTO.

VI. Grants

- a. Cabinet for Digital Display Board – Julie Eihausen reported that her brother will volunteer to build the cabinet needed to protect the digital display. He is a cabinetmaker by trade and will donate any materials he has on hand. It is estimated that he will need to spend \$200.00 for Plexiglas and various hardware fixtures. This expenditure was voted on and approved. Thanks to Julie and her family for all the hard work they have donated toward this project.

VII. Principal Kuennen

- a. Rumor Control – There were no rumors to control this month. Principal Kuennen must be running a tight ship. Maybe we can start some rumors over the holidays so the January meeting will have some juicy gossip.

Meeting adjourned.