

Margaret Mead PTSA BOD Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Heidi Whittington at 9:15 a.m. at the home of Carlene Camera. All members were notified of the meeting and a quorum was present. The sign in sheet is attached.

Mead was awarded the PTSA Communications award. Thank you to Lili Mano and Carlene Camera for putting the application together.

Jenean Hatlelid spoke with the board about Mrs. Baxter's request of the PTSA to pay for 35 pair of dedicated headphones for the computer lab. It would be a total cost of \$250. There were concerns about sanitation issues from children sharing headphones. Currently each child has their own pair which was purchased by the parents. McAuliffe Elementary uses dedicated earphones in their labs. We will ask McAuliffe the pro and cons of this plan before the PTSA commits to the expenditure.

Ways and Means

Jenean Hatlelid reported that we have made \$265.87 this month from PACE. She also said that we brought in some money from the costume sales. The current cookie sale fundraiser will end on May 19th. The cookies and prizes will be delivered to the school on June 13th. Parents are asked to pick up the cookie orders at the school.

Community Liaison

Aug. 5th is National Night Out. There is a DVD available to watch with neighbors. Citizen Corp can help organize this for your neighborhood. Sammamish Reporter is expected to be at our Mead Science fair.

There will be an anti bullying pilot program at Inglewood.

For the 4th of July the city is panning another great fireworks display. The city is asking that people gather in the valley behind City Hall for the display.

May 21st will be the first day of the City's new farmers market at City Hall.

The new plateau elementary school will be named “**Rachel Carson.**”

Sign and Bench survey

Ed Keith presented his findings on the survey that was run to determine personal preferences in regard to the school sign and benches. The survey is attached. It was discussed that the large sign should be black instead of blue. The cost difference between the benches with the school logo vs. without a logo will be clarified at another time

Treasurer Report.

Ed Keith reported that the PTSA has a solid and healthy financial standing. See attachment. Present at the meeting were all the necessary financial records and documentation. The checking account balance is \$18,863.13. The Liquid CD is worth \$20,756.55. We have \$2,135.99 in our savings. The PTSA has a total cash balance of \$41,756.67.

Principal Report

Shawna thanked the board for the staff appreciation yummys. The egg drop was a success. More eggs were dropped than ever before. We are the only school that the fire dept. helps with the drop...100 feet up! Read naturally is underway and piloting in the 3rd grade.

Mead would like to establish a relationship with a senior center that would bring the senior in to read with kids. The center will provide transportation and would result in a consistent resource. To be successful, the program will need to be supported by teachers.

Student tardiness is on the rise. Shawna asked for input about what she can do to encourage promptness in getting to school on time. The need to encourage more parents to use ESP as a drop off was discussed. An incentive for those who use the park as a drop off might be helpful. At the beginning of the year Shawna could distribute pencils to those who are dropped off at the park. Our mascot Spirit could be at the park to encourage the use of the park as well. Someone could be at the 4 way blinking light on the first week of school to guide parents up to the park.

The question was raised about whether we can pave the path from ESP to the school. This would make the walk down and up less muddy and easier

for families with strollers. Shawna agreed to talk with the District about the paving idea.

There were items stolen out of a car in the Mead parking lot after school hours. Shawna has asked that we be very aware of what we are leaving in our cars.

Wish List from the Staff

- New playground balls
- 2 chess and checker sets for the outside tables for the teachers to check out to students
- Soccer goal nets
- Gym mats
- Taller tables for production room
- Another woman's bathroom
- Recess alternatives

There is money available through Lake WA Schools Foundation. Many grant options that can be tapped into. Encourage the teachers to apply.

The April 9th BOD meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and Ed Keith made the following motion:

Motion 1 : I move that we approve the April BOD meeting minutes as written,

The motion was seconded, there was no discussion, and it was carried unanimously with no abstentions.

The minutes have been filed for audit.

Upcoming events

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| Science Fair | May15th |
| Field Day BBQ | May 30th |
| Volunteer Tea | June 3rd |
| Jamboree/Sock Hop | June 6 th |
| Gen. Board Mtg. | June 17 th |

Submitted by Pam Lustig co secretary