



PARKVIEW PTO

Final General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 11, 2022

Location: Parkview Library/Zoom

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Agenda

1. Guest Speaker: Kirsten Wert from Smart Trips
2. Administrative Items
 - a. Approve Meeting Minutes from September General Meeting
3. Treasurer's Update
 - a. Budget Review
 - b. Treasurer's Report
4. After School Enrichment Update
5. MOVE-A-THON Update
 - a. Incentives
 - b. Pledges
 - c. Volunteers
6. Events + News
7. Volunteer Sign Ups
8. Update from Principal Stephanie Johnson

Welcome

The meeting is called to order by Alison Schepper at 6:30pm.

Guest Speaker

Kirsten Wert from Smart Trips talks about the benefits of an active trip to and from school and age appropriate transportation goals for children. She also discusses Smart Trips recommendations for child safety on bikes and walking to the school and around town.

Move-a-thon Update

1. Incentives announced.
 - a. All students receive a free T-shirt
 - b. \$10,000 raised: popsicles the day of the event
 - c. \$15,000 raised: music at lunch
 - d. \$20,000 raised: pajama day
 - e. \$25,000 raised: bonus recess
 - f. \$30,000 raised: virtual field trip with the Pacific Science Center
 - g. \$35,000 raised: dance party
 - h. \$40,000 raised: student principal for a day
2. Pledge packets go home this week.
 - a. You can collect pledges on the paper provided or on your 99pledges page found on the PTO website, links sent home this week.
 - b. There are thermometers showing our earnings on social media and Ms. Mann has created a poster to track earnings in school.
 - c. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event. All volunteers need to be signed up on the PTO website and cleared as volunteers through BPS. Sign up will close on October 21 to allow time to verify volunteer status.

After School Enrichment

1. After school enrichment is still being figured out.
 - a. Our proximity to Cornwall Park and limited outdoor space on school grounds makes our school's situation unique.
 - b. Many things that have been offered in the past are not covered under the PTO liability insurance, leaving PTO board members personally responsible.
 - c. Board members are meeting with Sunnyland PTA representatives to see if we can work together to find solutions.
 - d. Bellingham Public Schools administration is working on a way to have after school enrichment be offered in an equitable way at all schools, without relying on PTO/PTA involvement.

Events and News

1. October 14th: Staff Appreciation Lasagna Potluck
 - a. One meat lasagna and drinks are still needed for staff lunch this Friday.
2. October 19th: Village Book School Days
 - a. Mr. Hayden will be doing a storytime in the bookstore at 6:30pm.
 - b. 20% of Village Books' proceeds from the Parkview community that day go to the Parkview Library.
 - c. Bring the PTO form when you shop in order for the library to benefit.

- d. To support the library by shopping at Village Books online, mention Parkview in the comments box and complete your transaction the day of the event.
- 3. October 19th: Dine + Support at Ovn
 - a. Have pizza for dinner while you are in Fairhaven shopping for books and 10% of the proceeds benefit the PTO.
- 4. October 28th: MOVE-A-THON
- 5. November 9th: Deadline to sign up for a Parkview Cares Thanksgiving Box
- 6. November 10th (RESCHEDULED): Movie Night
- 7. November (TBD): FRC Supply Drive
- 8. December: Parkview Cares Winter Wishes Drive/SignUps
- 9. December 8th: BINGO (Zoom)
- 10.)January 26th: Winter Carnival

Volunteer Sign Ups

- 1. There are many opportunities to help.
- 2. Volunteer sign ups for the following can be found on the PTO website.
 - a. Lasagna Potluck
 - b. MOVE-A-THON Signups are live!
 - c. Room Reps
 - d. Committee + Coordinator Positions
 - e. NEW! Cornwall Park Steward Committee
 - i. The grass section adjacent to the school is part of Cornwall Park.
 - ii. The PTO can become stewards of this part of the park and Bellingham Parks and Recreation will provide tools and native plants to improve it.
 - iii. This is a brand new volunteer opportunity and needs people passionate about gardening and our community outdoor space.
 - f. NEW! Parent Advisory Committee to the Superintendent
 - i. This committee is composed of two members from each school in the district.
 - ii. Parkview currently has one opening.
 - iii. It is one of the ways that the superintendent gets input for decision making.
 - iv. Members meet with the superintendent and other district staff on a monthly basis to discuss a variety of topics, share information, and broaden understanding of school related issues.

Administrative Items

- 1. General Meeting Minutes for September 2022 are approved.

Treasurer's Report

- 1. Income
 - a. The PTO income for the year to date is from Amazon Smiles and Fred Meyer Community Rewards. Remember to link your account to Parkview PTO if you shop with these businesses.
 - b. The goal is to raise most of the \$40,000 budget with the Move-a-thon fundraiser this month.

2. Expenses
 - a. The largest part of the PTO budget goes towards field trips for every class.
 - b. The second largest expense is stipends for teachers to purchase learning materials and other supplies.
 - c. The third largest expense is PTO led whole school enrichment.
 - d. We have approximately \$20,000 set aside beyond the \$40,000 for a capital project in the new school building.
 - i. Mr. C, Parkview PE teacher, has requested help with purchasing mats for the new gym using some of these funds.
 - ii. A committee is forming to work on ways to use these funds to bring art into the new facility. Volunteers for this committee can sign up on the PTO website.
 - e. We have added a Community/Non-Profit Donations Fund to the budget.
 - i. It is budgeted for \$3,000.
 - ii. This is based on a funding request that was submitted to help students in need of funds for school lunches.
 - iii. The board will vote on using these funds in the spring.
 - f. The PTO recently purchased calming chairs and tools for teacher classrooms based on a funding request from Principal Johnson.
 - g. The PTO gives a percentage of our fundraising to the Elementary Equity Fund Pilot.
 - i. This fund pools a percentage of the fundraising from PTO/PTAs across the district and redistributes it based on free/reduced lunch status.
 - ii. Parkview is in a unique position because we have had strong fundraising in the past, but also qualify for a percentage of these funds based on our free/reduced lunch numbers.

Update from Principal Johnson

1. There is a glitch in the software for the new dismissal system, but the new orange cards will be coming home soon.
2. A new crosswalk has been painted across Cornwall Avenue near the entrance of the school. The city will begin more involved work on that intersection in June when school is out of session. This will include bike lanes and changing the curve by the entrance into Cornwall Park into a T-intersection.

Meeting called to a close at 7:40.