



General Membership PTSA Meeting February 24, 2015

President's Welcome (Leah Battin)

- Meeting called to order by Leah at 7:05pm.

Secretary's Report (Amy George)

- January meeting minutes presented. Nakisa Salashoor moved to accept minutes as presented. Andrea Sanders seconded. MINUTES ACCEPTED.

Treasurer's Report (Sukhui Johns and Audrie Starsy)

- January financial report will be presented at March meeting.
- Annual non-profit taxes were filed for the year. Leah thanked Sukhui for preparing these.

Discussion Items (Leah Battin)

- Present and Vote on spending proposal for last year's surplus grant: \$1195 leftover from last year's classroom reimbursement grant. Michelle Hilhorst made a motion to keep the money in the fund to spent this year; PTSA won't take money back. Tiffany Daraja seconded. MOTION PASSED. Money to be spent on books for 3rd and 5th grades, as decided by the school.
- Anti-bullying/spreading kindness: ongoing discussion among PTSA Executive Team and members.
 - What happened to I See U's? Replaced by "apples" that go on tree in hallway. Apples can be given out by any teacher, at any time, in any place (not just classroom).
 - Are we still using Kelso's Choices? Yes, it is used for K-2.
 - What is used with older grades (3-5)? Steps to Respect.
 - Who uses Second Step? Required by district for all grades; taught by classroom teachers throughout the year.
 - Has half-time status of counselor impacted implementation of these programs? Counselor focusing more on group prevention rather than putting out individual fires.
 - How can we partner with a group (i.e. Coal Creek YMCA, Play Works) to teach structure and skills for playground activity? Last year, we had more parent volunteers. 2/25 All-School Assembly planned to discuss playground behavior.
 - What about students who would prefer to/need to be doing a quiet activity during recess? Books are allowed on playground, but students need to plan ahead to have it with them. Consider idea of a Book Club or indoor recess? Tap into former Reading Express volunteers?
 - Let's be thoughtful about what we want for a school culture and how we can get there in our School Improvement Plan.
- Update on spending this year's surplus: PTSA attended a staff meeting to get ideas.
- 5th Grade Camp: 5th Grade Team presented a proposal asking PTSA to consider dedicated all-school fundraiser every year where 100% of the funds go to camp. For past five years, 5th grade went to Vashon Island in fall for a camp-run, science-based curriculum aligned with Common Core. PTSA helps with some of the costs, but costs increasing (i.e. \$13,000). PTSA also asked to consider funding \$3758.40 for this fall's down payment. School looking at other camps; this is lowest budgeted camp option. PTSA just made aware of the true costs of camp with this information this evening.



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Teacher/Principal Report (Margaret Strong and Tracey Naylor)

- School updating safety plan; megaphones bought by PTSA are helpful.
- Donated Scholastic books were most welcomed. Still more to come from PTSA; these were the books donated by families at the Book Fair.
- Tracey forming focus groups for the work on the School Improvement Plan. Examples include: culture, curriculum, resources, equity/access, safety.
- Common Core Day/Night for families on 2/26 at 9am and 7pm. Tracey modeling a lesson in Reading and Math, and discussing Smarter Balanced assessment.
- Smarter Balanced testing dates coming out Friday 2/27. Will need 2 volunteers per classroom to help with testing. Practice testing is happening in classrooms.
- March 2 – 6 is Read Across America/Dr. Suess week
- March 13 is end of trimester and report cards go out on March 20. (UPDATED to March 27)
- March 18 is staff meeting. Jaime Greene from YMCA coming to discuss movement in classroom.
- March 19 at 9:30am is K-5 Arts Assembly. Dance performances are connected to artwork. Thank you to parent Laska Whitaker for organizing! Tracey writing Common Core aligned lessons to connect.
- Jump Rope for Heart raised lots of money; thank you to PTSA for their volunteer support.
- Projected enrollment is 581 next year. Hazelwood has \$24,000 operating budget, approximately \$41 per student. Tracey has specific breakdown of expenses. How can PTSA support operating budget so teacher training and professional development can happen? How can PTSA advocacy help increase operating budget from \$41 per student?

What PTSA Has Done:

Thank you Hazelwood volunteers! With your help, PTSA accomplished the following this month:

Hosted an Hour with the Principal	Coordinated the GameTime Super Bowl program fundraiser	Held the Pancake Breakfast and Book Fair
Purchased over 70 books for Hazelwood classrooms	Continued the All School Box Tops Classroom Challenge	Hosted 4 th grade Bus Buddies luncheon
Attended school staff meeting to hear ideas on PTSA spending	Helped with lunch during Jump Rope for Heart	Helped kids with Academic Enrichment vendor satisfaction survey
Coordinated the second session of Chess Club	Kicked off the winter session of Family Fitness Fridays	Used 25,000 Labels for Education for PE and playground equipment

What PTSA Is Doing:

- Chess Club on late-start Fridays, 8:45 – 9:45am. Visit www.hazelwoodptsa.org for more information.
- FREE Family Fitness on late-start Fridays, 9:15 – 9:45. No need to sign up, just head to the playground.
- Save the Date for Ice Skating Party at Sno-King Ice Arenas in Renton on Saturday, March 28!