

PARKROSE MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT GROUP MEETING
August 12, 2008

The meeting began at 7:05 pm with introductions. In attendance was Superintendent Gray, Principal Reynolds, Parent group board members Allison Newman Woods, Londa Sundin, Chris Brown, PMS teacher Ms. Alfrey, and 8 others.

MS events last year included a multi-cultural show and a 5th grade orientation in combination with a science fair, 8th grade showcase and conferences. Do we continue with these events?

---Multi-cultural event: Yes. Let's have it earlier in the year and possibly a daytime show for students and an evening show for parents. Diane Pow will connect with Debra Robinson at the MS to get things rolling. Another idea would be to include groups from the HS such as Black Student Union and MEChA. Roy will connect with these groups.

---5th grade orientation/8th grade showcase/science fair/conferences: Is this too many events on one night? No. Everyone agreed it was better to go to the MS once and accomplish many things. This is a great way to show incoming families some of the awesome things that the MS has to offer. Parent Group to sell ice cream as a way to introduce themselves. To enhance this event there needs to be more recruitment at the 5th grade level, extend the event by a half hour and possibly have a chance to meet the 6th grade teachers.

HS sub-committees are SANP (Senior All Night Party) and Athletic Boosters.

---SANP: Looking for a leader and committee members. Allison will write a letter to senior parents asking for help.

---Athletic Boosters: They met Aug. 11th and agreed to start with a focus on concessions for football and basketball. First football game is Sept. 5th and there will be a pep rally at 6pm, a bar-b-que and a coffee cart. The district tailgate party will also be this night beginning at 5pm. Athletic Boosters are selling key chains and seat cushions and will benefit from profits from the Rossi movie night on Aug. 16th. Banners are being sold for \$500 each to advertise local businesses at football games. These will be moved into the gym for basketball season. Mr. Reynolds and athletic director, Sanjay Bedi, will walk around the area and visit businesses to try and sell this idea.

---Arts/Music Boosters: Discussion needs to be had with choir, band, art dept. and theater to see if they support this idea. Allison will talk with theater and choir dept. heads.

---Parent Group is open to any other sub-committees needing to be formed.

MS Fundraisers:

---Last year the MS sold magazines, See's candy and flower bulbs. They collected boxtops and sold scrip. The MS uses these funds for planners, incentives, student store items and field trips. 8th grade teacher, Whitney Alfrey, will check with the activities coordinator Lisa Van Nice to see if these will continue. Outgoing MS treasurer said they use almost every penny raised from these sales.

---Sparrow program to continue. Last year a lot of money was raised for this cause.

Suggestion for a fundraiser:

A joint MS/HS carnival in the spring was brought up and everyone was receptive to the idea. This event could also include an auction of student artwork. In order to get this off the ground, someone is needed to chair the committee. Allison will contact the MS activities director, Lisa Van Nice, HS activities director, Mike Verhulst, and HS facilities coordinator, Shannon Nguyen to see if there is any support for this event.

HS fundraisers:

---Concessions

---Popcan drive. The months of May, June and July are open for groups to help

Farmers Market gives the Boosters 5% of stall revenue, but vendors are pulling out due to low profit. We need to insure this market succeeds and everyone is encouraged to attend and buy something.... a bakery item, earrings, produce, etc. A new item is a vendor who will be selling organic beef.

In October the Boosters will have a pumpkin patch on the weekends in the parking lot near the pool. There is a need for trailers or other place to store unsold pumpkins.

Much work has been put into an alumni database from 1972 forward. A letter will be going out asking for donations to the district, individual schools or a specific department.

Fund request: HS teacher/staff appreciation breakfast cooked by Roy. Motion to pay \$300 toward food was seconded and all in favor.

Fund request: Athletic Boosters are requesting a \$1000 loan to buy key chains and seat cushions to be sold at events. Motion to approve was seconded and all in favor once Allison talks with HS treasurer to determine fund availability.

Parent group meeting structure:

--Typically the business portion runs from 630 – 7pm with the general meeting to follow from 7-8pm. The general meeting consists of business overview, teacher reports and a special topic. Do we like this structure? Do we change it?

--Special topics (such as diploma requirements, sports, activities, positive behavior support, etc) are important. Discussion centered on having time to adequately cover all topics. Motion to add a half hour to the general meeting portion was seconded and all were in favor. In June it was voted to move the meeting day to the second Wednesday.

--The new structure will have the business portion remaining from 630 –7pm. The general meeting will run from 7 –8:30pm and will include a specific academic subject each month (such as language arts, math, history, etc) so both schools can have teacher representation. A special topic will also be presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.