

**PARKROSE HIGH SCHOOL / MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**PARENT GROUP MEETING**  
November 12, 2008

At 6:30pm the business portion of the meeting began with minutes from Octobers meeting being reviewed and approved.

The Agreement Form for usage of Booster equipment was reviewed. A discussion was held over to have a 70/30 split or charge a flat fee. A motion to have a flat fee was approved with the following: \$10 hot dog roller, \$10 popcorn machine, \$10 pretzel warmer, \$50 coffee cart. The agreement also shows that the group renting will provide food and paper products and payment must me made prior to rental.

The popcorn machine needs maintenance. Motion to spend \$150 for repair was approved.

A fundraising idea was brought forward to sell Christmas trees. Coaches will be contacted with the hope that they will ask team parents to pre-buy trees and then we buy aprox. 100 more for general sale. Motion to accept this idea was approved with the date of Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> , which is also the Saturday of the Dec. popcan drive. Christmas tree sale will be held at MS, further down the driveway from popcans.

A fundraising idea to sell fireworks was brought to the Boosters. Information from Dave Mattson with Western Fireworks was passed around the table for review. Allison will investigate further and this idea will be discussed next month.

Friends of Schools, a local Portland organization, is a search engine that is looking for businesses to use their browser for \$299 for the first year and local schools get a cut of the profit. We present letter of specifics to local businesses asking for their support. This idea was tabled until next meeting or an email vote.

MS treasurer report was reviewed and approved. No changes from last month.

HS treasurer report was reviewed and approved.

Question from Gail Volk. Can the Booster name be used for Scrip sales for any group at the HS? Currently dance team sells Scrip, but sales have been down. Motion to use Booster tax ID and name for any group that wants to sell Scrip at HS was approved. Gail to track forms as they come in so proper groups get their share.

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The general meeting began with introductions. Present were Superintendent Karen Gray, HS Principal Roy Reynolds, MS Principal Ana Gonzalez, Director of School Improvement Yuki Monteith, Parent Group HS Co-Pres. Allison Newman-Woods, Parent Group MS Co-Pres and Community Connections Rep. Erica Martin, HS treasurer Joy Vorhees, MS treasurer Gail Volk, Secretary Londa Sundin, Parent Group VP Kris Brown, HS teacher Justin Dawes, MS teachers Aron Wagner, Andy Phelps, Ann Stinson and Dave Anderson. 8 parents also present.

This month's special topic was presented by Yuki Monteith, Director of School Improvement. She gave information about AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, a program getting started in the HS. This program helps students learn skills to succeed in school. Currently only selected 9<sup>th</sup> graders are involved but will expand to 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades next year.

Our Language Arts Programs were the subject matter topic for this meeting.  
.....6<sup>th</sup> grade focus includes conventions, spelling and a website link to OAKS testing so students can do practice tests.  
.....7<sup>th</sup> grade focus includes intervention classes, conventions and writing mechanics.  
.....8<sup>th</sup> grade focus includes literary elements and workshops to improve skills.  
.....HS English teachers include 50% of 50 test questions to be shared at every grade level. Sheltered English, Honors and AP classes are available as well as a Language Lab that offers students reading at their grade level with assessments. A short term goal is to have curriculum aligned throughout HS English department.

Question from the floor? Are HS and MS English teachers meeting together?  
Answer from an English teacher: Awhile back they did meet. Currently not doing so, but they would like to. Ana Gonzalez said that dates are being set aside for this purpose.

MS Teachers report:

.....Boys & Girls Club has started.  
.....End of trimester is Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> which is also the date of 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir concert.  
.....Recent conferences had lots of parents get their password for Parent Assistant. See the office with your ID if you aren't using this system that tracks your student progress.  
.....Fundraising at student store has lanyards for \$2 and t-shirts for \$8.  
.....This year's Sparrow is Audrey, a local 4 year old. Fundraising via volunteering is underway. Upcoming events include hat day, where you can pay \$1 to wear a hat and a basketball game with profits to benefit Audrey.  
.....7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball has begun.  
.....Chess Club off to a good start with 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish by Parkrose girls.

HS teachers report:

.....75% of teachers are using ESIS and posting grades regularly. Some teachers find this program not user friendly but many agree it has benefits.

.....A record number of over 300 attended recent conferences.

.....Good turnout at recent fall athletics recognition evening.

.....Back to School night is being looked at. Different ways to hold this event have been done in the past but still not a good turnout. What about having sessions where parents can go to get information they find valuable instead of traveling to every class? Email Roy with thoughts.

An idea for a future meeting is to present information to parents about Moodle, another tool to help parents see what their kids are doing in class.

Community Connections:

Many groups were represented at recent Volunteer Fair so students had lots of options of where they can find volunteer opportunities. They can talk to Erica to get more details.

MHCC honors students help with math tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.