

PARKROSE MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT GROUP
October 8, 2008

The business portion began at 6:30pm with a review of the minutes from September. The minutes were approved. The HS treasury report was reviewed and approved with the exception of the savings account, which will be sent via email. The MS treasury report was reviewed and approved.

Dave Luce, the can man, was present to receive \$180 in gas money for trips downtown to redeem cans/bottles in June, July, Sept and October. Thanks Dave!

Recent 'pumpkin patch' fundraiser had a profit of \$185 for the SANP. Every Saturday and Sunday in October, different groups will be working at this event in the parking lot by the swimming pool.

On Nov. 21 the SANP will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the HS.

The general portion of the meeting began at 7:00pm with introductions. Present were HS principal Roy Reynolds, MS principal Ana Gonzalez, HS Parent Group co-pres. Allison Newman Woods, MS Parent Group co-pres. and Community Connections Rep. Erica Martin, Parent Group VP Kris Brown, Secretary Londa Sundin, MS PE teacher Annette Sweeney, HS PE teacher Shane Dye, HS Vice Principal Kathy Scott, MS Treasurer Gail Volk and 4 parents.

Fundraising at MS includes Script, Boxtops, Pumpkin Patch, coffee and doughnuts for parents at conferences Oct 29, 30, 31, and a rummage sale this spring.

Fundraising at HS includes monthly popcan drive, SANP, Pumpkin Patch, and the possibility of Script school wide. (some HS groups already use the Script program). Athletic Boosters are selling banners and concessions at sports events. All fundraisers at HS need to be coordinated with Shannon Nguyen.

Email from Joe Over states that there are some glitches in ESIS Parent Assistant. Problems are being investigated. Most teachers in MS and HS are using it.

Letter from parent wanting to re-examine uniforms at MS level. Ana Gonzales says it will be considered once all elementary schools are using uniforms. Next year Prescott will join Russell and Shaver with a code of dress.

Karen Gray, Parkrose superintendent would like to have a 'coffee with Karen' night at local homes. She will supply coffee and would like neighbors to open their homes for a chat session. Contact her if interested.

Subject Report: Physical Education

Shane Dye, HS PE teacher, says they are aligning standards to improve the department. There is a focus on physical fitness and a goal to make this part of every student's life, especially after they leave HS. Trauma nurses to come and talk with health and PE classes soon. A 'wish list' from him would be to have a set of textbooks for 'Water Safety Instructor'. This is a class for age 17 and older but gives them a vital skill they can use forever. Possible item for Parkrose Foundation grant.

Annette Sweeney, MS PE teacher says they have a goal to continue from elementary school with exposure to different sports. Keep kids involved with team and individual skill building.

Parent group response is that we would like to see more programs developed to continue love of physical education into MS and HS, such as the soccer club.

Kathy Scott, HS Vice Principal spoke on PBIS, the new positive behavior system. She has seen a shift in students and they want to do better. Staff is positive and money is needed for prizes for all students. Michelle Markle is the administrator in charge.

Yearbook update: Last year's book still not in. There was an error with the final proofs and the new deadline is Nov. 10th. Many yearbooks are available from previous years and an order form will be available at upcoming Homecoming football game.

Karen Loh, TAG representative, spoke on how TAG services are being revitalized. Each school has a coordinator and Kathy Keim-Robinson is the administrator in charge. Monthly meetings are informational and no fundraising is involved but any donations would be appreciated. All 2nd and 6th graders are tested with a non-verbal test.

Erica Martin, Community Connections, passed around sign up sheets for help that is needed at upcoming MS dance, HS Homecoming dance and 'Bronco Cabaret' Oct. 23rd, 24th, 25th. A volunteer fair will be held at the HS during lunch on Oct. 22nd

MS Principal report:

---Boys and Girls Club funding has run out, but Parks and Rec. have given \$16,000 to develop a new program. This amount of money won't last all school year and a grant is being looked into for remainder of year. The new program will run 3:00 – 5:30 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

---A school goal is physical education for all students with a healthy food focus. Vending machines not open during school day and all food in it is no longer fried. This causes a slight problem with fundraising since cheesecake and cookie dough can't be sold. Now t-shirts, lanyards and items like that will be sold.

---Intervention and enrichment classes for 7th and 8th grade a success.

HS Principal report:

---Reader board recently installed and hoped to be in use by Homecoming. Fundraising started about 4 years ago. Proceeds from the sale of some land was given for the reader board project.

---October 15th all 10th graders will take PSAT. 9th grade will take reading and math tests, 11th grade will discuss SAT preparations and 12th grade will listen to a presentation from MHCC and get them to think about all their options.

A representative from the Parkrose Neighborhood Association spoke on how they have a goal to get the community connected. She recently joined the Grange, a group that originally supported local farmers, and they would like to see a mural painted by HS students as well as a living history project with video production class. The Grange has a community garden and would like to see the library used again as a community resource. Unfortunately, funding for the library ran out a few years back. A workshop will be held on October 18th at Parklane Church to develop meaningful relationships and community involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.