

**PARKROSE HIGH SCHOOL / MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PARENT GROUP MEETING  
September 10, 2008**

The business portion of the meeting began at 6:30pm.

The August minutes were reviewed and approved.

The MS treasurer report was reviewed and approved.

The HS treasurer report was reviewed and approved. Bank CD details not available.

A 'pumpkin patch' fundraiser will be held in October. Joy Voorhees has contacted a farm on Sauvie Island that will sell them to us for 12 cents a pound.

After discussion, the following was decided:

1- MS and HS groups are needed to help. Aprox. 5 –6 people to be available to set up at 9am, sell from 10 –5 and then break down until 6pm.

2 - HS Band, Theater and the MS have already signed up to help.

3- The money split will be determined once pumpkins are purchased.

4- The popcan-drive signs will be covered with pumpkin patch advertising.

5- Concessions will be sold Sundays only. (Not on Saturdays so we don't take away profit from Saturday Market)

6 – Unsold pumpkins will be stored in locked trailers until the next sale date.

The Athletic Boosters Committee has raised aprox. \$2300 from helping at a swim meet at Mt. Hood Community College. 6 –7 business banners have been sold at \$500 a piece.

Any parents interested in starting a Performing and Fine Arts Booster committee? A sign up sheet was passed around.

The general meeting began at 7pm with introductions. Those present included Superintendent Dr. Karen Gray, HS Principal Roy Reynolds, MS Principal Ana Gonzalez, District Athletic Director Sanjay Bedi, HS Theater teacher Zena, Technology Tech. Dan Wells, MS teachers Lisa VanNice & Sara Caudle, Community Connections Erica Martin, Board members Allison Newman-Woods, Co-President; Kris Brown, Vice-Pres.; Londa Sundin, Sec.; Gail Volk, MS Treasurer; Joy Voorhees, HS Treasurer; 24 parents and others who didn't sign in. It was a great turnout!

Erica Martin was introduced as our new Community Connections contact. She is a parent of 2 Parkrose students and very excited to be with the school. This is the final year of the Americorps grant that has given us this position.

There is a need for a MS Co-President of the Boosters. Duties include helping with fundraising, provide leadership and support and to become part of the bridge from MS to HS. Erica Martin has volunteered to hold this position. Her appointment was seconded and all were in favor.

Cheer has requested \$800 for two cheer mats that are OSAA approved. A question from the floor asked if they could use the wrestling mats. The answer was no. Many kudos from the group went out to the cheer team for the great job they are doing. Motion to approve \$200 was seconded and all were in favor.

MS Principal report:

---Lots of changes this year starting with a trimester system. This will better support kids by providing more electives, intervention and enrichment programs. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders are now on an A B schedule and some classes will be a blend of both grades. A MS goal is to have every student cross the street and graduate.

---Sports are doing well and there is now an 8<sup>th</sup> grade cheer program.

---Magazine fundraiser started today with the new feature of online ordering. Help is needed Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to enter data. Script sales are also important.

---MS would like to do an activity with the HS to generate community spirit. Allison to put together a meeting with HS Mike Verhulst and MS Lisa Van Nice and Sara Caudle to start the wheels turning.

HS Principal report:

---MS changes are to support the new graduation requirements for the class of 2012.

---Freshman is a very important year and there is a new focus of reading that will help with OAKS testing.

---PBIS program starting with Parkrose PRIDE: Perseverance, Responsibility, Integrity, Diversity and Excellence.

--School handbook is now included in the planner. Parents and teachers are encouraged to ask their students to use their planner.

Dan Wells, District Technology Technician, gave an ESIS demonstration. ESIS is Electronic Student Information System and all teachers in grades 6 – 12 will be asked to use it. The Parent Assistant program in ESIS will allow parents to look up their student's information like grades and attendance. Parents need to contact their schools office, show ID and they will be given a password. This info will also be available at the HS back to school night on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and at MS conferences on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sanjay Bedi, District Athletic Director:

---Athletics are in process of aligning K – 12 just like academics.

---Football is in a slow process of rebuilding but coaches and players are doing great and Parkrose spirit is way up.

---Athletic Booster committee was formed to raise money as one large group of people instead of a lot of smaller groups.

---Coaches will all have similar gear so it looks like they mean business.

---Guidelines for attendance have been tightened up so now a Dr's note or school activity are the only excuses to miss a practice. No games for an F grade, they will practice only.

---Communication is key. If a parent or player has a problem, go to the coach first.

SANP (Senior All Night Party) committee meeting is on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in room L2. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.