

PCPA General Meeting  
October 21, 2009

Present: Lorelee Schaedel, Janelle Deschino, Shari Robinson, Megan McConagha, Biz Brewer, Karen Hare, Christine Mackenzie, Jillian Lengyel, Josephine Yim, Jane Bozek, Kimberly Shur, Ang Foley, Sara Page, Chase Malter, Ashley Wernher-Collins, Aaron Mosher, Jamie Eavenson, Erin Salvador.

## Minutes

Lorelee Schaedel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m..

### **1. Introductions:**

- All in attendance were invited to briefly introduce themselves.

### **2. Principal's Report:**

- Mr. Eismeier was not in attendance today. Shari Robinson was invited to speak.
- Shari noted that teacher conferences are currently being held and hoped that all parents are able to meet with child's teacher.
- Shari thanked the PCPA for their enormously successful Haunted Harvest event on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Many teachers expressed their appreciation for the event. The students are still "buzzing" about the festivities.

### **3. Program/Event Wrap up**

- Eco-Bag fundraiser was a hit. Over 1,000 bags have been sold. There was a profit of \$1,000 budgeted for this new fundraiser, but \$4,168 was raised. The bags have been delivered, but several are on back order. Due to the fact that some are on back order and some invoices have yet to be paid, the \$4,168 number may go down. We are waiting to hear when the back order bags will be in so delivery to parents can begin.
- Lorelee Schaedel & Janelle Deschino both expressed deep thanks for all the volunteers that made the Haunted Harvest a HUGE success. They have each received many, many positive calls and e-mails about the event. It would not have been possible without the dozens of volunteers who not only donated their time but items for the event. The outdoor Haunted Harvest was a successful community builder.
- Haunted Harvest raised approximately \$6,400, but there are still some outstanding expenses. The PCPA received \$1,300 of in-kind donations (moon bounce, food, etc.) for the event.
- Scholastic Book Fair sales are still on track for this year. To date, sales are at \$11,400. There are still a few more classes to visit the book fair. Café Night was held October 20 and there were \$944 in sales. In the past, Pond Cove has received 30% of the sales from Scholastic. This year, the policy has changed to only 25%. Pond Cove's profit is driven by the number of students in the school. This year, there is one less class of children visiting the fair. The Book Fair is down three classes from 3 years ago. Bucks for Books Collections are also down this year. For each dollar collected at Pond Cove, Scholastic will match at 100%. Last year, Pond Cove students raised \$2,100 but this year, there has only been \$400 collected. This amount

factors in to our sales profit.

- Movie Night is set for November 6<sup>th</sup> in the High School Cafeteria. This is a FREE event, not a fundraiser, and is a way to give back to the school community. The movie of the night will be Return to Neverland which is geared toward the younger students (K-2). The movie will be shown on a big screen with refreshments being served (apples, popcorn, Gatorade). You are welcome to wear your pj's and bring a sleeping bag and/or pillow to enjoy the show. This is a family event and there will be no drop-offs.

#### **4. Lecture Series - Cindy Perkins (Pond Cove Guidance Counselor)**

- Cindy Perkins was not in attendance at the meeting.
- A long time in the making, the Lecture Series will start on Thursday, November 12. This is a parent only evening.
- Peg Libby from the non-profit organization Kids First Center in Portland will speak on divorce and the impact it has on kids and their families. The first priority is to support the children when there is conflict. This lecture will be for all, not just those going through divorce. It will also apply to other who are indirectly affected by someone you or your child may know who is divorcing.
- Suggestions for upcoming lectures can be sent in via the PCPA website.

#### **5. Mini-grants - Jillian Lengyel**

A motion was made to transfer \$2,000 from the Haunted Harvest profits in the general funds of the PCPA into the mini-grant fund.

When asked to vote, all approved the motion to transfer the \$2,000.

1. Ingrid Stressinger (4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) has requested a mini-grant for \$1,294.15 including S&H to purchase two more "About Our Solar System" science kits for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. One kit has already been budgeted, but the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team would like to purchase two more to be shared between the 6 classrooms.

When asked to vote, a grant for \$1,294.15 was approved.

2. David Shields (Gym teacher) has requested a mini-grant for \$96.39 to purchase motivational pencils that will be given out during the year to students. "You are awesome", "Caught Being Good" and "Welcome to our Class" will be distributed by Mr. Shields to students as a motivational tool.

When asked to vote, a grant for \$96.39 was approved.

3. Mary Jane Ham (3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher) has requested a mini-grant for \$115.22 to purchase seven professional development resource books. Professional resource Books-Teaching Writing through Children's Literacy will be used in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. CEEF has previously given a grant for staff to attend a workshop given by Jennifer Jacobson. The mini-grant would help implement what was learned.

When asked to vote, a grant for \$115.22 was approved.

4. David Shields has requested a mini-grant for \$632.70 to purchase various pieces of gym equipment that is in need of replacing. Including, but not limited to stopwatches, ice packs, swing putters, foam balls, mesh bags and beach balls. Mr. Shields has submitted an itemized price list of items requested as well as a list of their priority.

When asked to vote, a grant for \$270 was approved.

Chase Malter has generously agreed to personally purchase ice packs to be used in gym!

5. Shari Robinson has requested a mini-grant for \$4,000 (salary \$3,750, materials & supplies \$250) to fund a program to help augment the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade math curriculum. currently there is a Math Lab only for grades K-2. Last year, a mini-grant was given to start up a 19-week after school program taught by Mrs. Ham & Mrs. Michaud for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders. The proposed program for this year would take place during school hours. If started at the beginning of November, new math program would last 25 weeks. Questions about staffing were raised. The class could be taught by a Ed Tech III under the guidance of Shari Robinson. Currently, at the end of each Everyday Math unit, students do an assessment on the unit. Students who get a 1 or 2 on those assessments would be targeted for the class. Pond Cove students in grades K-2 have the Math Club with Mrs. Butterworth while the Middle School students in grades 5 & 6 have a program led by Steve Price. The hope is to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade math program be the bridge between the two programs. Jillian Lengyel & Impy Altnauer will created a questionnaire to evaluate the program to see if it is actually working.

When asked to vote, a grant for \$4,000 was approved with the understanding that Shari Robinson will receive \$2,250 to start with the remaining \$1,750 to be disbursed at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m..

Attendance (Evening Meeting October 21, 2009) Loralee Schaedel, Janelle Deschino, Jane Bozek, Megan McConagha, Kathleen Curry-Sparks, Isabelle Johnson, Sarah Fisher

Loralee Schaedel Called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

All in attendance were invited to briefly introduce themselves. Loralee Schaedel then reviewed the topics discussed at the morning meeting and included the following as well.

**1. Mediation Night - Cindy Perkins**

- Cindy Perkins runs a private practice in Portland. She treats children as well as adults and specializes in adoption issues. For the following four Monday nights, Students in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be able to attend mediation training with their parents. The training is organized by Dick Romeo of the Phoenix Foundation. Through mediation training students learn to mediate their own and peer conflicts.

**2. CEEF Spelling Bee**

- The CEEF Spelling Bee is set for November 17<sup>th</sup>. The PCPA has paid the \$300 entrance fee to enter a team to represent the PCPA. Shari Robinson is working with the teachers to gather three people to make up the team.

**3. Garden Club**

- The newly formed Garden Club has 17 member so far. At least 8 of the members have met on a regular basis to get some of the Pond Cove grounds cleaned up. The flower beds by the school library have been weeded and cleared out. The public works department was asked to pick up the large pile of bags of weeds and debris. Public Works also donated mulch to perk up the beds! Please visit the gardens before the snow starts to fall.

**4. Mini-Grants**

- The mini-grant step by step request process was discussed for those not familiar with it. The five grant requests from this morning were all explained and opened for discussion for those attending. Comments on the math lab grant were:

If the grant is approved, will this open up the gates for new requests for items that should be covered by the school budget? The PCPA should be willing to give the grant money this time, but if there is a weakness in the curriculum, Pond Cove needs to “step” up and fix the math program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m..