

Call to Order: President Karin Manning called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. Attendance sheet is attached. **Quorum present.**

Secretary's Report, Diane Oberg:

- Minutes from the Board Meeting on February 23, 2015 were presented and approved as written.
- A thank you card was received from the staff for Staff Appreciation Week.

Treasurer's Report, presented by Alison Larsson:

- Account Balances: Checking \$39,616.95 Savings \$15,048.58

VP Reports:

- Family Activities, Laila Collins
 - Carnival was a huge success. We earned about \$2000 in profits, but Carnival is intended to be a family activity not necessarily a fundraiser. Next year we should consider lowering bracelet prices or spending more on entertainment. Other feedback:
 - The line for face painters was very long, so we may want to hire more next year.
 - Another dunk tank would be a good idea, especially since we will have even more 5th graders next year.
 - The churros were overcooked, hot dogs were located too far away from the kitchen, too many water choices held up the line, and more volunteers are needed at the sno-cone station to make the line move faster.
 - People were still in line for activities at 8pm, and it was difficult to get people to leave. Next year we'll consider placing signs at the end of lines 15 minutes before the carnival is over so that people don't continue to line up.
- Fundraising, Rebekkah Liebowitz
 - Approximately \$950 was earned at the carnival auction.
 - Castle Ice tickets are still on sale for \$5 each.
- Programs, Hollie Archibald and Erin Thacker
 - Math at Home and Reading at Home programs need to be revitalized. Loan Chen will not be back next year to chair MAH, so Nicole Morgan is working on recruiting new chairs for next year. The goal is to have the two programs work more closely together and come up with some fresh ideas.

Staff Report, Kelsey Smith:

- Kelsey sent a survey to the staff asking for feedback on PTA programs. Staff was generally supportive and enthusiastic about all activities. Some specific feedback from the surveys:
 - McTeacher night was the one event that didn't have overwhelming teacher support. Some teachers find it difficult to volunteer their time on a Friday night. Perhaps PTA can offer an additional stipend to the teachers who volunteer, or make this an every other year event.
 - Great Artist program is well liked, but some docents are using classroom supplies (specifically watercolors). Docents and teachers are encouraged to contact Michelle Peebles if supplies are low or used up so that she can replace them.
 - Teachers would like to have 3 book swaps next year. We may consider doing them in the activity areas rather than the stage.

Principal's Report, Drew Terry:

- Two more teachers have been hired, one from Snoqualmie SD and one from Tahoma SD.
- Mr. Terry still needs to hire a .65 overload music teacher for grades K-2 (Beth Mohr is returning for .65, grades 3-5 and Bear Chorus), a .5 PE overload, a .1 library overload, a full-time librarian, and an attendance secretary.
- Fifth grade promotion will be on June 16th from 9:30-10:45am. Doors won't open until 9. Next year we may need to consider a different venue since our school population is growing and the Commons isn't large enough to hold all of the students and guests.
- Online enrollment verification will take place Aug. 5-12.
- SBAC scores will be available through Family Access. Families will be notified when scores are available.
- Rebekkah will organize kindergarten playdates over the summer so that these new families will get a chance to meet each other before the start of school. These playdates will take place on the Briarwood playground, and the PTA will provide refreshments. Since it is a PTA sponsored event, and is covered by PTA insurance, a current PTA member needs to be present during the event.

New Business: None

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Submitted by:

Diane Oberg
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