

PTC meeting 1/15/19

Attendees: Jenny Yeh Vail, Nicole Matson, Amy Chamberlain, Katie Payne, Kylan Pimley, Lindsay Tosky, Lee Carson, David Platt, Hillary Peck, Robin Gao, Jelena Susic, Kirstina Garcia Siegel, Tammy Yashar, Matt Gonshorowski, Olga Senashova, Irina Elliott, Kristi Nelson, Jessica Baker, Aleida Adams, Janell Hosch, Eva Novick

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm.

Oregon College Savings Plan (John Valley and Tobias Read) – Presentation about financial empowerment programs, including Oregon College Savings Plan and Oregon Able Savings Plan.

Key points of College Savings Plan: A child with a College Savings Plan is more likely to go to college and to graduate, regardless of the amount in the account. It is cheaper to save than to borrow. All interest is tax free; since principal is paid from taxed income, no additional taxes are due on the principal. You can get a state income tax deduction. Can be used for any expenses related to attending any accredited school worldwide, including tuition, books, room and board. Can be used for school at any age (including a trade school and graduate school) and unused money can be passed to relatives' college savings plans with no penalties. You can choose the investment portfolio or use a pre-set investment.

Key points of Able Savings Plan: Program launched Dec. 2016. Can be used for any expenses related to a disability that occurred before age 26 (includes disabilities from birth). Does not count against government benefits related to the disability.

Budget Surplus Plan – PPT will be posted to the PTC website. The PTC has a \$66,000 surplus. We have two options: Option A is to use the money towards a project(s); Option B is to use the money to cover budget deficits. Best practices are to spend the money you raise in that school year. Can keep some for emergency reserves. Any committee formed under Option A would need to get approval from PTC before any expenditures are made for project(s).

Discussed email from BSD regarding budget shortfall for next two years. PTC cannot pay for staffing. BSD is having a budget listening and learning session at Cedar Park on 1/16/19.

Discussion about pros and cons of Option A, Option B or a hybrid approach.

Motion to pass Option A. Motion was seconded.

Vote: Motion approved.

Will be sending out communication to the CME community about the vote and how to join the committee to explore options for projects.

Green Team Report – The Green Team is a group that works to implement ecologically sound practices in their school. The Green Team formed after Amy Higgs spoke at the September PTC meeting. Members of the Green Team completed an Eco-Schools Network leadership training. Their goal is to create a garden/outdoor classroom. Teachers can tie it into the school curriculum. They have visited other school gardens, did a site walk-through with Mr. Coker, identified a possible site (far northeast corner of property past covered play area), drafted a capital improvement plan to submit to BSD, drafted a teacher survey and compiled a list of potential partners (such as grant opportunities).

Discussion about submitting the plan to BSD and adding the Green Team as a PTC subcommittee.

Volunteer Updates – ongoing opportunities. Sent email regarding not bringing latex products or small children while volunteering.

Board Updates:

Fundraising – Powell’s event raised money for library books. Passed around thank you note. Pastini dine-out was successful. Getting some money from Fred Meyer rewards card.

Enrichment – Winter classes are underway.

Budget – Have been getting bottle checks from Bales. Can drop off bottles and cans at Bales or in a new recycling bin outside the library. The PTC budget is published on the PTC website. Will be making a second round of school supplies purchases.

New Parent Support – Had a meeting in November. Parents asked for grade specific events and a “grade parent.”

Book Drive – Collected over 1,000 books. Read part of thank you note from Children’s Book Bank. Both parents and children helped with packing books.

PTC Events:

Dance – Date changed to Friday Feb. 22.

Science Fair – Is March 14. Packets will go home with kids this week. Registration is due Feb. 7.

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) – 3rd-5th graders can participate. Battle is in quiz bowl style; there are 16 books. At CME, all final battles will be Monday Feb. 25 after school. Each team will do two mock battles before then. Need volunteers to moderate battles, be scorekeepers and be time monitors. There are 22 CME teams this year.

Open Items –

Principal Update – See budget discussion above.

Adjourn at 8:31pm.