

Bridgeport PTA  
General Meeting  
February 23, 2009

Bridget Hinrichs called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. She requested everyone review the minutes from last meeting. The minutes were read and approved.

Committee Reports

**Art Literature** – Teri reported that they are still working on an Art Night date with Mrs. Lockwood and the auction projects have started

**Auction** – Tallie Steele reported that the committee is collecting gently used books for bundling to sell. The classroom basket flyers will go home this week, the teacher treat flyer will go home April 1<sup>st</sup>, and the wine wagon will travel the neighborhoods. There are seats on a wine bus available for auction. The committee is still in need of weekends at vacation homes. They received their first two corporate sponsors at \$250 each.

**Box Tops** – Kathy Church is the new chair. Bridget Hinrichs and Cindy Oubre tallied the box tops turned in for the most recent drive. Robin Maloney's class won. Each class will receive a check for the amount of box tops they turned in.

**Fundraising** – Bridget Hinrichs reported that the next restaurant fund raiser is with Baja Fresh. A flyer will be sent home in March and the dates to dine are March 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Baja Fresh will donate 15% of the net proceeds to our school. The Tigard Joy Theater is offering \$9 for 10 matinees and parents get in free with a child who has a season pass. These passes are on sale now and the PTA gets \$3 of each ticket sold. McTeacher Night is scheduled for Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will work the restaurant in shifts and that schedule will be sent home so students can go when their teacher is working. McDonalds will donate 20% of all sales as well as 60% of cookie sales. There will be another restaurant fund raiser in April with Claim Jumpers and those details will come at next month's meeting. There is a magazine sales program that will be e-mailed to PTA members. This opportunity allows you to purchase or renew subscriptions without having children do door to door sales and the PTA receives 40% of proceeds.

**Hispanic Relations** – There will be a table set up in the school lobby on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, during parent/teacher conferences, for parents to get acquainted with the committee and help learn of ways to become more involved in the school.

**Plant Sale** – Michele Webber reported that order forms will be sent home March 30<sup>th</sup> and due back to the school April 6<sup>th</sup>. Plant pick up is Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**SCRIP** – Cindy Oubre reported that information on E-SCRIP will be sent home. She explained that with this, SCRIP may be ordered online.

**Carnival** – Tina Lynch reported that a donation to pay for two bouncy houses was made. She is still waiting to receive last year's carnival information CD from the PTA board.

### Announcements

Hilary Chick announced that The Foundation lowered our school's goal to \$3,300. The deadline to raise these funds and not have a phone-a-thon is Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. A donation table will be set up during the Love Your Heart Night event. It was suggested that next year the school start raising funds earlier and have a family night centered around the fund raising.

### Financial Report

Cindy Oubre reported that three CDs were purchased at OnPoint Credit Union. Each CD is for \$5,000 and they mature on 8/9/2009, 2/9/2010 and 8/9/2010.

Cindy explained the details of the upcoming PTA convention in Salem. The theme is The Achievement Gap. The convention will focus on that, diversity within the PTA, and much more. She encouraged any member who would like to attend to contact her for more details.

Bridget Hinrichs explained the need for Texas Markers in the school. There was some confusion whether or not these were disposed of. The members voted and approved the purchase of a new set if they have been thrown away.

It was voted and approved that an office supplies line item will be added to the budget for PTA needs.

### Principal Report

Mr. Nihill thanked Cindy Oubre for the Mardi Gras themed lunch that was provided for staff appreciation. He also announced that Coldwater Creek donated \$1,000 to the school. These funds will be used for discretionary items.

Mr. Nihill provided an update on the state and district budget. The school's discretionary budget is frozen. Any purchase order must be submitted to the district and is then forwarded to a cabinet. The only things approved are those vital for day to day operation. The economic forecast is much worse than first projected and 45% of the state's budget goes to K – 12 education. For this school year, there must be approximately \$5 million cut from the Tigard-Tualatin School District. Recommendations for cuts are posted on the district website. A committee will be formed to prioritize cuts, and these will be made until the budget is satisfied. Mr. Nihill encouraged people to call our state representatives and urge them to supplement what we will be missing after the Federal Stimulus Package, rather than take funds away.

The school will know by Kindergarten Roundup whether or not the district will continue to have fully funded all day kindergarten for the 2009-10 school year or if the program will go back to being tuition based.

There were two math curriculums shown at January's PTA meeting and the one chosen to be recommended is Expressions. It is most likely that the implementation of this new curriculum will be postponed. The cost of purchasing materials for all K – 5 schools in the district is \$350,000.

The school's Title 1 program will receive a boost due to the Federal Stimulus package. Bridgeport's program currently targets reading. The school would like to become a "school-wide" Title 1 school. This will allow more flexibility with the funds. The school will form a committee to submit a report. This will include information for the Continual Improvement Plan through Site Council.

### New Business

Bridget Hinrichs shared the results of the Wish List vote. This determines how proceeds from the auction are spent. It was voted that 50% of profits are used for wish list items and the other 50% put in the PTA general fund. The items voted to purchase from the Wish List are:

- 1) walkie talkies
- 2) science class materials
- 3) cork to replace the carpet on the wall in the cafeteria
- 4) computer speakers, author visits and increased funds for field trips

Staff Appreciation efforts were recognized. Cindy Oubre prepared the Mardi Gras themed lunch and the parents continue to complete the staff copying requests.

Mr. Nihill reported that Site Council is still in need of a parent member and a ballot will be in the next *Barker* on March 9<sup>th</sup>. This position requires attending at least two meetings a month and is a great opportunity to participate in your child's education. He also reported that Site Council has updated more scores that are used in the Continual Improvement Plan, which looks at goals set for the school.

Bridget Hinrichs issued several event reminders; Red Lizard Run on March 1<sup>st</sup>, Love Your Heart Night on February 25<sup>th</sup>, no school for a teacher workday on March 6<sup>th</sup>, no school for parent/teacher conferences on March 13<sup>th</sup>, Spring Break March 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Jodi Plank  
Secretary

