

FEBRUARY PSO MINUTES

Attendees: Linda Reynolds (President), Jenn MacDonald, Katie Webb, Melissa Roderick Luwanna Comstock, Camie Sharp, Andrea Nielson, Leslie Kolb, Kim Kelleher, Joyce Woods, Tristan Irvin, Abby Rubio, Lynne Winkler, Amber Clark

Approval of January Minutes: Motion by Amber Clark; 2nd by Katie Webb

President's Report:

- Received thank you note from the teachers for Fall Book Fair.
- Coin Drive begins on Tuesday, February 22, 2011
- Phone-A-Thon – Need 7-8 people from Durham to make calls from 5:30p - 8:30p evenings of 3/1, 3/2 & 3/3. Joyce Woods will be there ☺

Chairpersons are not getting a lot of committees to help. Linda feels she's been taking on too much so she is working with Becki Pedersen to ask for more help. **Volunteers are needed!!! It was discussed by several attendees that we need more 'organized requests' sent out (ie. charts consisting of current or upcoming event/dates/time slots). Kim Kelleher presented an idea of composing a possible survey to create a mass list of interested volunteers. This would in turn provide us with names, emails & phone #'s of those who could potentially be more involved and/or chair a committee.

- **Herff Jones** – Linda passed on info from Herff about a Spring session of photos; school gets profit of \$1.00 per student. We discussed whether there would be much interest. Joyce's input was that this is not something that was seen in the past as having a large amount of interest. In addition, we would have to funnel through classes during a school day to pull out those who signed up to have spring photos. Linda decided that she would respectfully decline Herff Jones' offer.
- **Sierk Orthodontics** – Any new patient who decides to use Sierk for orthodontic treatment & mentions Durham ES will get \$100 off. Amber Clark's child is a current patient & she stated that Sierk sponsors mouth pieces for football. They also accept

several different insurances. Others commented that they have heard positive feedback about Sierk.

Fundraising:

Abby Rubio

Raina Boise has stepped down as Fundraising Chair.

Abby will continue.

Restaurant Nights – Abby was concerned that maybe people would start feeling overwhelmed with monthly restaurant nights. PSO's input was that it is a fun night & is an option that people can make & not feel pressured. Andrea Nielson suggested that for the coming years, we possibly alert the families in the beginning of the year by possibly having a calendar sent home w/ the nights listed ahead of time so that people have it on hand; this could also alleviate the constant reminding & promoting of the event. It was also suggested to have flyers that are needed to take to the restaurants, sent home with NN. The consensus was that it's not too much pressure, given that it is a personal choice to go out to eat or not. If the choice is made to go, it is simply an added bonus to our school.

Butter Braids – Abby handed a piece of fresh baked butter bread around to all attendees. The cost of the braids is \$11.00 each with a 40% profit kicking back to Durham. Abby says the company is very accommodating. The plan is to start this fundraiser in March. It will continue through April 4th (spring break is in between). They will have orders delivered by 4/20 (before Easter) **This is a frozen product so once delivered to the school, sorting & getting them out must be done on same day. It was decided to allow the cookie dough fundraising (which is also on the order forms) along with the braids.

Spring Movie Tickets - Joyce Sanders has stepped up to help with ticket sales. (Joyce could not attend meeting so Linda spoke for her) The cost is \$9.00 for 10 movies – 1/3 goes back to PSO.

Adults get in free. Children 3 & over MUST have tickets to present at the theater. Top stub of tickets contains a raffle available to fill out & enter to win \$50.

Linda advised that if you can't make it to one of the listed movie times at a particular theater, you can take another flyer to another participating theater to view movie at a different day/time. All

theaters listed (Valley, Joy & St. John's) are in sync for same movies. Linda has all information that will be sent along with flyer. Tickets are available for sale starting 2/22/11 from 8-9am in front lobby & from 2-3pm outside. Jenn MacDonald & Tristan Irvin offered to stand outside in the afternoons & sell tickets from 2-3. Flyer & order forms are going home in Friday folders/backpacks. Poster will be posted out in front lobby or on window. Contact person regarding this fundraiser is Joyce Sanders.

Family Fun Nights: OMSI

Lynne Winkler

Event is scheduled for 3/7/11 – Open only for Durham families. Buses are arranged to pick up families again at designated stops. Flyers are available with bus schedule (pick up locations & times). OMSI won't have staff members on hand but asked to have someone keep an eye out that night to make sure things are being taken care of, returned to their proper places & that everyone is being respectful. Donation box will be set out for people to donate to PSO. All info is going home with NN this week & again in 2 weeks. Lindsey D. will send out an email to all staff. Lynne will have staff send reminders. Maribel is translating for Spanish speaking families. Lynne would like to have lots of pictures. Maybe even put them on a disc. **If anyone wants to stand at front door of OMSI with Lynne Winkler on the night of the event & hand out flyers, Lynne has a sign up list.

Father/Daughter Dance: Friday, March 4th - Theme is "A Sweet Celebration" following the Candy Land theme. Info is going home in NN. There will be no dinner but LOTS of sweets! Jia Layman is in charge of finding a photographer. She currently has info from a photog that Jenn MacDonald recommended (Danyel Rogers Photography). Decorating committee needs more volunteers (maybe some mothers and/or sons). Andrea Nielson is looking for vollies to possibly wrap tissue boxes & t-paper rolls to look like candy. Something bright or striped (stick to Candy Land theme), maybe make the t-paper rolls look like tootsie rolls. Asking Becki Pedersen to send out mass email to request more help. Tickets officially go on sale next week beginning 2/22/11. Cost of tickets is \$7/person.

Caring Closet/Stuff The Bus:

Andrea Nielson

Andrea got hold of Scout Troop leader – the scout group will be helping. Andrea still working with Lindsay P. on certain details. Idea was brought up for either a sock drive or a recycled can drive. Leslie Kolb had great idea for pop can drive – having a drop off night (or 2) outside where people drive up & hand off their bags of cans. Boy scouts would man these collection nights for us. This would eliminate bringing messy cans on bus or to school; storing them; etc. Everyone was in agreement. Thank you Leslie! ALL proceeds go to Caring Closet. Andrea will keep everyone posted once everything begins to take place (potentially April).

DonorsChoose.Org

Jenn MacDonald

A fabulous website called DonorsChoose.org is a site for teachers to register & post a project that they are currently in need of raising funds for. The description of the project is listed along with why they need it and what it will be used for. Anyone can go in & donate to the project of choice & can choose how much. A bar will show how much is needed total, how many donors have donated, & how much is left to raise. Donors can be anonymous or not. The site is extremely user-friendly. Joyce Woods will talk to a couple of people who have used it already & will then go forward with how to relay and/or train the teachers in using it. There are currently 3 or 4 other schools in the TTSD who participate on this website.

Treasurer:

Kim Kelleher

Quick update: *Projected income: 26K; Currently @ 22K*

Budgeted expenses: 35K; Actual expenses @ 19K

Motion to adjourn: Andrea Nielson, 2nd by Amber Clark