

Durham PSO Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011

Attendees

Linda Reynolds (President), Angela Clayton Schmidt, Lynne Winkler, Raina Boise, Abby Rubio, Martha Gaty, Sharla Goettl, Jennifer MacDonald, Andrea Bowen, Tristan Irvin, Amber Clark, Luwanna Comstock, Katie Webb, Andrea Nielson, Joyce Woods, Amy Haaland (Counselor from Hazelbrook visiting tonight with Joyce)

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

December meeting was short. We'll get meeting minutes out later this week for the board to review.

President's Report

Thank yous received from Mrs. Goddard's, Mrs. Wolf's and Ms. Sullivan's classes.

- Suggestion made to post thank yous to the PSO bulletin board in the lobby. Linda will explore.

Foundation – Annual phone-a-thon coming up March 1, 2, 3 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Durham received \$9k from the Foundation last year, due to funds raised. Volunteers needed to participate in this year's event. Let Linda know if you're interested.

Tualatin Chamber of Commerce – Luncheon with Senator Richard Devlin to ask questions re: district budget shortfall for next year. Thursday, Jan. 27, Hayden's Grill at 11:30 a.m. District at close to 20% shortfall for next school year. Linda will forward the emails to us.

Caring Closet

Andrea Nielson – Coin drive in April with proceeds to go to the Caring Closet. Check to be presented to the Caring Closet during the Stuff-the-Bus event in May. Boy Scouts will help execute the coin drive. She'll let us know if they need some additional support.

Fundraising

Raina Boise and Abby Rubio

Restaurant nights – Red Robin on Thursday, Jan. 13 – \$603.95 made between Red Robin and Baja Fresh fundraisers. Chuck E. Cheese – Feb. 3 (no school on Feb. 4) 3 – 9 p.m. Chuck E. Cheese will be walking around the school earlier in the day. Chevy's scheduled for March. Abby and Raina will send thank you cards to the staff members who came to the Red Robin fundraiser night. Considering setting up a few restaurant fundraisers during the summer.

- Suggestion to encourage families to purchase Scrip for these restaurants and use them at the fundraising events. Also, a reminder voicemail.
- Idea to have staff wear Durham shirts and/or participants to wear Durham shirts.

See's Candies – Made \$2,635. Some candy still available for sale.

Spring movie tickets – Joy Theater. School profited \$445 from fall sales. No details yet on when spring movies start. Looking for volunteers to help with sales; contact Raina.

Cookie dough – Need to decide on timing. There were concerns regarding last year's sales coinciding with Girl Scout cookie distribution. Profit from cookie dough was 50%. Tubs sold for \$15 – \$18 items each. We may not do cookie dough. We'll table this for further discussion until the next meeting.

Idea – Butter braids were suggested as an alternative sales item. Joyce mentioned a previous fundraiser where they sold for \$11, kept \$4 profit. It's a company out of Silverton. Timing could be end of March (right after spring break) and have items delivered before Easter. Raina and Abby will research this option; Joyce will provide them with some information.

Durham magnets – Reserve for back-to-school item. We'll table until first of next school year.

Box tops and soup labels (Lynne) – \$666 made so far – and that's at \$.10 each! 16,000 credits in soup labels. We need to decide what we want to spend the credits on. Lynne will email catalog to Joyce and Linda to see what may be needed.

Family Fun Nights

Mother-Son BINGO Night – Laura Johansen looking for ideas on how to set up the BINGO event. Recommendation to have one game at a time, use a doc camera to display numbers and microphone to call. Volunteers still needed. \$3 per family.

Treasurer's Report

Sharla Goettl

Scrip \$2,137 earned so far. Scrip for teachers proving successful as sales have increased. Box tops have earned \$666 so far. We were hoping for \$5k with See's Candies and came in at only \$2,600. It's not a huge problem because we've earned money in areas we hadn't expected. We're only \$500 off of where we hoped to be by this time this year. We'll spend \$7k more than what we've planned to bring in. Next year is when we'll need to fill this gap. Doc cameras purchased – they cost less than anticipated. OMSI – deposit paid.

Linda – while budget is going as expected, we don't have any extra funds for extra items. This is where auction has usually come in. Helpful to have a specific focus or item to work towards – looking for ideas.

Suggestions:

- Do a spring athletic fundraising event instead of selling something. Free throw shoot out; dance-a-thon; etc. Idea received well; some concern of this tapping out good will towards fall jog-a-thon
- Read-a-Thon – kids gather pledges for books read over Spring Break. Too soon to do this now, but could use for 2012.

Discussion

Cinco de Mayo – Family Fun Night, not a fundraiser night. Representative from Durham’s Latino families stepped up in early December offering to put this event together. Need to follow up and work on logistics.

Multi-cultural night – No one has offered to do this event this year. We may not hold it since the calendar is full.

Art night – Issues last year when this event was combined with the multi-culture night: theft from classrooms and property destroyed; parents not supervising their children. If Art Night is held this year, it will need to be in the public areas of the building only. Katie to talk to Kathy Mier about whether or not she wants to do this event this year.

Mini-fundraiser/auction event – Exploring idea of a mini-fundraiser event tied in with a Family Fun Night in the Spring. Smaller auction to offer popular items such as principal for a day, parking space, playground sign, etc.

- Suggestion to do an online auction, similar to Tigard High School’s. We still have a contract available through Auction Pay. Linda will explore this idea. Auction items will be party boards and other items procured from staff, parents and the student body, no businesses. Concern raised regarding fundraising/economy fatigue.

Hospitality – Tristan Irvin has agreed to take on the role as chair for this committee. Thank you, Tristan! Linda suggested we do something modest for teacher appreciation in the coming weeks given the tough environment in the district right now. Tristan will get an email out to parent volunteers to pull this together.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer MacDonald; Sharla Goettl seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Angela Clayton Schmidt, PSO Secretary, on Jan. 18, 2011.