

MINUTES FOR JUNE 6, 2011 MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Kristin Smith, Christi Clark, Heidi Wiest, Margaret A. Hansen, Ken Gilbert, Kimberley Gray, Julie Rossback, Dawn Manning, Melanie Huntington, Shannon Stephen, Cyndi Valerio, Devan LaCoursiere

After a review of the standard procedure for the Memorial PTC meetings, the meeting was opened with Q and A with the Principal

DISCUSSION WITH PRINCIPAL:

BEAR TIME AND THE MUSIC/PE OPTION: Ken Gilbert was asked about the letter that went out asking if students wanted to opt out of PE in order to take a music elective. He said that the school had received many opt-out responses. He said the choice was the flip side of the decision to keep the class size as low as possible, an average of 32 rather than 40. Maintaining a smaller average class size limits the ability to create electives. He said that those responding had not responded negatively to the option. In response to another question, Mr. Gilbert said that the school would maintain a beginning and an advanced band class but would not be able to offer an intermediate one. He also said that students could not opt into more than one music class because that would require opting out of a core subject and that would not be allowed. He anticipated that this system would last two school years or more. Concern was raised about how students would be informed of the BEAR time options and of the need for intervention. He responded that the first priority was making sure those needing intervention time were identified and provided the assistance.

BUDGET ISSUES: A parent raised a concern that not enough emphasis has been placed upon cutting administrative costs. Another raised the possibility of further cuts in the ensuing school year. Ken Gilbert reported that the administrators had, as a group, agreed to cut ten days of compensation out of their pay for the forthcoming year to help make up the budget short-fall. The school district is currently negotiating with representatives of the classified and certificated staff for compensation changes. Until there is a final agreement, the district budget and its affects on Memorial remain subject to changes.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES:

Printed copies of the minutes of the May meeting were not available to those in attendance and the issue of accepting or rejecting the minutes was put off to the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The PTC began April, 2011 with a balance of \$1,921.06. During the course of the month, \$180 was withdrawn for expenses related to the teacher appreciation lunch and \$1,148.83 was withdrawn to forward to Scholastic Books as the proceeds (minus credit card receipts) of the book fair. There was a deposit during the month of book fare receipts of \$894.73. (The

difference is the amount allocated to enable language arts teachers to purchase books to get into the hands of students who might not otherwise have them.)

The ending PTC balance as of 6/7/11 was \$1,486.96.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officer Election: The election of officers for the 2011-2012 school year was conducted and the following people were chosen for the office indicated:

President – Devan LaCoursiere

Vice-President – Dawn Manning

Secretary/Treasurer – John Byrne (Note: The Secretary and Treasurer positions were combined because the Treasurer does not actually handle money anymore but assembles a report as to the status of the PTC account administered by the School District.)

Spaghetti Feed: Julie Rossback reiterated her willingness to coordinate the Spaghetti Feed. Margaret Hansen said she would forward a summary of the very successful bake sale that accompanied the Spaghetti Feed this school year.

Bookfair: The bookfair went smoothly and was a success. (The gross total and payments are shown above.)

NEW BUSINESS

Battle of the Books: Mallory Marquet, language arts teacher and coach of the Memorial team in the Oregon Battle of the Books, asked for assistance to buy copies of the books selected for the coming year's event for the use of the school's team. After a discussion, it was **m/s/p to allocate up to \$160.00** for this purpose. Christi Clark said that she would notify Mallory Marquet of the decision.

Planning: It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled sometime during the summer to facilitate preparation for the school year. In addition, it was suggested that the PTC prepare some kind of goodie basket for the back to school event in the forthcoming school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33. NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011, 6 PM NEXT TO THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA.