

2 October 2015

## Sakai PTO Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Beckey Anderson, Alicia Bye, Felicia Hord, Colleen Bourgeois, Keri Johnson, Kylee Stanton Hicks, Alli Krug, Michelle Byron

### -Cathy Grant the librarian presented

Line item budget request regarding "classic books" for \$1000 was not spent last year. Cathy needs some clarification as to what this means and what we want to use it for. Possible: Sakai Reads, line item for audio books, digital books. She would request a different term - i.e. "library enhancement".

Second item - Book Fair - In the past, the profits have been spent with Scholastic. Cathy would like to take the proceeds from Scholastic and buy other (non-scholastic) items. She needs somewhere to place these proceeds.

Coho Books - a new idea - Library budget is \$2500 - needs exceed this sum. STEM books average age is 1998. We need to replace these. In her previous experience on Mercer, the schools had a program where parents could donate needed books with a nameplate for their children. Children get to check the book out first. It was well-received on Mercer, and she is proposing that we start doing that here in January. She will need someone from PTO to help her do this.

### - District Presentation - Faith Chapel, Tamela Van Winkle

They are going to schools and community - Giving this presentation. Goal is to have informed voters.

Pointed out - "Wilkes is the most expensive" - total fallacy

Comprehensive overview of the history of construction. Difference between General Fund(operating budget - capped by the state and we get the max) and Capital Fund(Bonds and tech levy - separate fund - can't pay for teachers).

Review of Master Plan Update - recommendations include that Blakely needs replacement (over 50 years old, beyond useful life, structurally overstressed, \$800,000 more to replace the building rather than trying to patch it up and modernize existing), BHS 100 Building also needs replacement (Over 45 years old, limited opportunities for educational delivery, infrastructure, code issues, etc. Deplorable conditions in the performance auditorium - looking at different options regarding replacement of theatre - black box, different theatre sizes, etc.)

Review of the different options that may be offered and the costs per household for each option.

Please review the website <http://www.bisd303.org/Domain/68>

Take home - Approval of all is basically \$15 per average household on BI - per month.

>> Alli Krug motions to approve the minutes - Felicia Seconds - Approved <<

### Felicia Hord - Treasurer's Report:

Math a Thon is at about 70% of goal. Online donations just started today. Will continue through Wednesday.

Sweatshirt sales going well - will be ordering more. Not a money-making venture but we don't lose money.

### Arts and Humanities Council - Michelle Byron

Sakai family film was premiered at BIMA and a few community groups (Historical Museum and arts and traditions council) put out a collection jar for Sakai PTO. Around \$900 was raised. Lengthy discussion as to how/whether we could accept the donation.....

November 18th, the film will be shown here. 6:30 in the evening is proposed. No fee. To coincide with 5th grade art walk.

Perhaps BHS could be asked to come and have a table that evening - selling video and promoting themselves? Michelle will pursue this with them. She will also look into the sound person/price.

Discussion of whether an RSVP is necessary to coordinate setup and numbers. Beckey will set up an Event Brite ticket offering.

Arts and Traditions Council is planning on us marketing this. We were given permission to use their flyer.

Discussion of using flyer and asking for an RSVP.....Michelle will get the flyer.

Possibility of branding it as "Traditions Night" to encourage attendance

Need to approve the payment to Cameron Snow for making copies of the movie - Colleen motions, Michelle seconds, approved

### Volunteer Coordinators - Keri Johnson and Kylee Stanton Hicks

*Art docent program starting* - training is on the calendar - need to make people aware

*Book Fair* - Coming up in November -

*Game Room* starting next week

*Sakai Gear* - Joanna Arndt wants to continue to do this even though her child is leaving next year. Is that ok? Beckey will look at the by-laws to make sure this is permitted.

*Student Store* - Some debate as to whether we do it or not. Problems with the district because of the money handling and us not charging tax. Discussion of having it become a club with PTO taking care of the money? Disband student store? Discussion of merchandise offered/selling popcorn/changing products. Currently three cash boxes for student store and one for popcorn. Currently selling popcorn. Change to giving popcorn away for free? Beckey and Jen will look at by-laws and make some choices on this one. Felicia emphasized again - this is a sales tax issue.

*Red Ribbon Week* - First week in November - Just need a couple of volunteers. Incorporating with Coho Time. You sign a pledge and get a bracelet. "Character Building/Healthy Choices" emphasis.

*Teacher Appreciation* is coming up - questions as to what is involved? Theme? Budget? What? > Discussion that both days of conferences lunch will be provided. Budget of \$750 but the luncheon happens twice a year. Budget as it is should be adequate.

Kylee - Observations and Concerns regarding communication. Proposal of a parent pack in the beginning of the year with an overview of what is going on for the year. We need a website that works - Can we use money to get someone to coordinate and "do" the website for us so that we are up to par? We are behind getting events on the calendar - the PTO calendar. They need email addresses that can travel with the job. More discussion of communication and how frustrating it is. They will check into estimates. Beckey will talk to Sarah Albee and see if she can help. Minutes need to be posted on website. We will revisit the website ideas next month.

#### **Colleen Bourgeois - Math a Thon**

At 75% of goal - going well. Several classes had not turned in envelopes.

Will be sending a Peach Jar informative summary and reminder this weekend.

#### **Math Coach Program - Alli Krug**

"Math Coach" chosen as a better definition than docent.

Helping all students reach their math growth goals. This is the first year of the program at Sakai. She is in the process of talking to teachers through the Sakai cabinet. An email is being drafted for the team, and the teachers will disseminate that to parents. Also will use communication tools to keep parents informed

Coaches needed - building a roster. Request is for an hour a week in the classroom. Please contact Alli if interested.

Alli will be training, coordinating and easing everyone into the program. Hoping to start to implement in October.

#### **Jim Corsetti**

He has a huge stack of PTO Grants - Just remember that we have turned some down in the past. Meeting to review on the 16th. There will also be a big ask for emergency prep supplies. This may be being asked for in grant form? Some supplies are already funded for - may cover it.

#### **Beckey Anderson - PTOCC**

Very long and involved session. Lots of budget information from Faith Chapel. Next Thursday the 8th in Bremerton 5-7 is a session regarding budget. Standing with teachers by wearing red (red for ed). Beckey will email the minutes for review - please try to make the meeting in Bremerton.