

Sakai PTO minutes

4 December 2015

In attendance: Jim Corsetti, Beckey Anderson, Elizabeth Cromwell, Ian Forbes, Alicia Bye, Felicia Hord, Michelle Byron, Keri Johnson, Kylee Stanton-Hicks, Colleen Bourgeois, Susan Wood.

Meeting Called to Order

Welcome/Introductions

BIPPS - Ian Forbes - Guest Speaker - BIPPS - Bainbridge Island Public School Supporters. This group activates whenever there is a levy or a bond. Ian works with Margaret Powers and a steering committee (around 20 people). Julie Hall and Sarah Lane (Inside Bainbridge) have joined the group too. They are following a multiple-pronged strategy. Utilizing a website: BIPPS.org a FB page (please go and “like” the FB page and share!), Twitter, and BISD303.org. Their job is to present facts and allow the public access to the “truth” regarding the issues. They are glad to accommodate public speaking requests.

They are working actively to disseminate information via social media and also mailings. They do have a targeted group of people that they are trying to reach: Most especially people that vote.

They believe that this is an excellent school district and they are committed to keeping it that way. To continue this excellence, we have to have a capital plan for school improvements. Capital and General funds **MUST** be kept separate so we don't dilute the effort. The only way to get the necessary capital funds is through this bond. We need to be committed to this effort 100%. This bond will fund the new elementary school and new 100 building at the high school (including the theatre facility). These buildings were rated “poor” 10 years ago.

Just FYI - important facts:

1. Tax increase is 36 cents for \$1000 of assessed value of a home on the Island.
2. Construction related inflation has been 22% since Wilkes was built.

They are asking for our help: Starting out, thank you for your contribution to the campaign! In addition to this support (and individual ongoing support), they feel like this vote is going to need support via social media, letters to the editor and **GETTING OUT THE VOTE**. In 2009, the vote for Wilkes was lost by **19 VOTES**. We need 60% of voter turn out for this to pass. We need to ask our friends, family, neighbors, everyone to actively go to the polls and vote “yes” for this issue.

Approval of October minutes - Kylee motions, Felicia seconds.....Passes
Vote to Approve Revised Budget:

Jim notes that there is a budget amount of \$500 for families that need help with school fees or incidentals. This year, this money has far surpassed what is allocated. Some of this will be due to lack of collections, but some of it is real. There will be a need for further funding as the year goes on. Just so we are aware of this - they will continue collection efforts

Colleen motions to approve revised budget. Michelle Byron seconds.
Passes.

Discussion of store budget with Susan Wood - what does the school own/owe? Discussion of inventory and revenue from last year - school vs PTO - who owns and owes what.

Motion to approve grants that were approved last month pending the budget. Excerpting #4 (Audio Books - clarification was asked for - We will have clarification from Barb next month), #8 (library recess options - also need Barb here for clarification). 13, 14 and 21 are not approved for reasons stated last month. Alicia motions, Colleen seconds. Passes.

Felicia - Financials - Book fair money is coming in. Not a lot of developments otherwise. Check went out for the sound for the Arts and Humanities Council presentation. \$627 left from the film.

Elizabeth Cromwell - She is our district highly capable rep.

Sakai Reads - She chaired this event (jointly) last year. In the past, there have been 2 parent volunteers (5th and 6th grade) so that there is some ongoing knowledge to share and pass along. This year, we have no one in these roles, and she is the last knowledgeable person here. Cathy Grant is also a new librarian - she was floundering a bit trying to figure out what was going on at the beginning of the year. She felt it was too much trying to pull off a fall event with Sakai reads, so the program didn't happen this fall.

The current plan is to move forward with the 6th grade spring event (Leaving our Island) - Friday February the 26th. Forum Day is Wednesday March 2nd. The plan is for Sakai Reads to continue next fall as it has previously run.

Grant is interested in doing a poetry section in the spring to augment the reading program. Several ideas have been put forward but nothing is concretely planned. Michelle Byron mentioned incorporating the poetry contest that Arts and Humanities sponsors into this.

The Sakai Reads Volunteer list is going to be given to Elizabeth to move things

forward. And an ask for volunteers will also go in the newsletter. She really needs some people to step up to help and to learn about what's going on to move forward into next year.

Enrichment - Everything is planned for the year. Bike to school day is still up in the air.

Volunteer Coordinators - Thank you to Kylee for helping with book fair. The art cover contest for the yearbook: Has been announced on broadcast and will be mentioned on an ongoing basis. Submission deadline is next Friday. If there are not enough submissions, we can push the date back to right before the holiday and vote in January.

Susan Wood is asking for a few volunteers for student store on the 15th and 17th. They will get a request sent out. And thank you to Susan Wood - you are volunteer of the month!!

Art Docents - We have a SEVERE deficit in this department. Kylee and Keri have repeatedly asked for people to help fill these positions.....they go to all of the meetings, and they are educated as docents, but we have no participation beyond K and K.

Let's discuss this going forward into next year to try to fill these positions.

Student Store - Susan moved inventory to conference room: She needs a way to lock it up. Will be up and running the 15th and 17th.

Site Council - Jim reviewed: He's going to contact some 5th grade parents to possibly join. This is a decision making/advisory group. They went over school improvement plan, SBA results (and the effect of the refusals on the district and the school). They only meet 6 times a year. Jim usually goes over the meetings with Sakai Cabinet also. They don't meet again until February.

Arts and Humanities Council - The film showing went very well. Feedback from PTO members was very positive. Discussion of showing the film in the library during Open House/art night.

PTOCC - All about the bond efforts - see above. Beckey will try to get us minutes electronically in the future so we can review in advance of our PTO meeting.

A search company is being engaged to search for Faith's replacement. They hope to have a replacement by the first of April to ensure adequate overlap for training.

Principal's Report - Thank you to all - Much appreciated.