

**Redmond Elementary PTSA
Board of Directors Meeting
January 15, 2009**

Call to Order

President Laura English called the meeting to order @ 7:05PM in the Redmond Elementary Cafeteria.

Attendance

Laura English, Kerry Lodge, Elizabeth Hansford, Katie Chilcott, Suzie Connor, Steve Hitch, Bilge Baykal, Linda Pangborn, Mette Clarke, Janitzia Pizarro, Janice Heid, Diane Huseman, Marguerite Moskat, Jennifer Forrest, and Elena Savage.

Minutes and Correspondence

The minutes of the previous meeting on December 11, 2008, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

There is a total balance in the PTSA bank account of \$26,341.13 as of January 14, 2009.

Teacher's Report

Kindergarten – 6th grades are busy brainstorming Hawk projects. Janice Heid and Leslie Fields cut out Styrofoam Hawks for all the classes to decorate. Diane Huseman reported that all of the salmon eggs were lost/perished over the winter break; there were approx. 350 eggs. Issaquah Salmon Hatchery very kindly donated approx. 150 new salmon eggs/babies to Redmond Elem. The food waste recycle program will kick off on January 28th. Sixth graders are designing posters to promote this new recycle program. The Fast Math pilot program is underway; 6th graders are doing 15 minutes of this math on the computers every day. The kids are enjoying it. The 3-6 grade teachers took a half day training class on oral reading fluency standards. The Cafeteria got 5 new lunch room tables (still need 4 more) which reduced our lunches from 4 to 3. Marguerite Moskat reported that teachers are signed up for a 4 week class on using the Active Board – including Active Votes using the hand-held “eggs” for computerized voting. Ms. Moskat also presented an idea of conducting a Valentine Post Office (which she was in charge of at Einstein for 5 years) where items are sold during recesses (pencils, erasers, stickers, small stuffed animals) that range in price from 5 cents to \$2.00. All proceeds would go to the Redmond Success Fund (through PTSA). A motion was made for Ms. Moskat to run this program and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Principal's Report

Janice Heid passed out a multiple page handout on Redmond Elementary's 2010 Continuous Improvement Plan – with math being a significant area of focus. Anyone interested in the information may review the handout from Ms. Heid. Snow days (3 so far) are to be made up at the end of the school year; the last day of school will now be June 19th. Kindergarten registration will be on February 5th from 1:00 – 7:00; Open House starts at 7:00 on February 5th. The library received \$1,500 on January 14th from the state to purchase new books. WASL testing schedule is now shorter than originally scheduled; testing starts April 13 and runs through May 8. There will also be more multiple choice answers and shorter writing assignments.

New Businesses

A request was made to get the Board meeting minutes sent out as soon possible after the Board meeting so that important information/news can be included in the Hawk Talk and Kidz Mail.

Laura English would like to re-visit the budget and have all chairs review their line items to check for budget accuracy. Laura has concerns that Hawk Walk could possibly not bring in as much money as budgeted for, and PTSA has a lot of requests for spending money. Possible concerns for next year's budget as well due to current economy, price increases, and people not able to donate as much money as in previous years.

Elizabeth Hansford advised that popcorn (in boxes) is missing from the PTSA room. A suggestion was made to store the popcorn deliveries in a different area. No other items have gone missing. Elizabeth will serve at this year's Hawk Walk Race Coordinator and is looking for an assistant. Elizabeth will send out e-mails in regards to upcoming meetings concerning Hawk Walk.

Elizabeth is looking for Nominees for future Board and chair positions as she is serving on the Nominating Committee.

Steve Hitch gave an update on the Science Fair, which is chaired by Cindy Poon. They are pursuing the possibility of hosting the Science Fair at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse. This would make set-up and judging much easier as it would not be at school during school hours (set-up would start @ 1:00PM and judging would happen prior to the evening Science Fair). The city/district may require that Redmond El PTSA pay \$880 for 2 spaces for the Science Fair. Steve is concerned that they would just not donate the space for our needs. Steve requested a vote to approve spending of \$880 should the city/district decide not to loan us the space for free. A vote was taken and was not approved. A decision by the city/district was to be made on Friday, January 16th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.