

October 21, 2015

Welcome: Each person present introduced themselves and shared their favorite Halloween costumes

Overview of Strategic Planning Meeting: Andrea shared information regarding how the revised purpose and mission statement were created with teacher survey information. Andrea shared the revised PSO discussed and agreed upon at the summer strategic meeting. Andrea recapped PSO activities within the last few weeks as they relate to PSO Goals – Ice Cream Social (September); Increased communication with teachers (Andrea is sending a monthly email to staff); Fundraising has been successful (exceeded goals with the donation drive); New website launched a week ago – assists in communication with community; Involving students – students lead the Believe Kids catalog sale mini assemblies (entertaining! Great!), lighthouse students are going to decorate for the monster mash – getting parents involved. Joe Hampson is the PSO liaison for the Lighthouse Student Group. Jessica Stern is going to lead our carnival this year. Jessica is new to Westgate this year.

Principal Report: Susan thanked everyone for the pledge drive. Blitz is coming on December 11. Silly String is ordered. Parents have been very helpful with activities around the school – pictures, spruce up. Half days next week for conferences. November 4 is a meeting for Flash curriculum. Young Author day in the spring. Author Lois Brandt of the book Maddie's Fridge. PSO Grant Requests: Library is requesting more books for K-2; Kindergarten is requesting a grant for scholastic magazines; Weekend food program has requested a cart to deliver the bags to classrooms. A question came up about stamps for birthday cards.

Fundraising Report: Fun run was awesome! Thanks to Karen F. We learned a lot from Karen this year. +\$17000.00 was raised. Most ever we raised. 51% participation. Still wrapping up a few logistical things related to the fun run. Blitz is one. Silly string students will be the students who came in first for each class on December 11 at 10:30 (early release day). Top 6 fundraisers will have a photo and autograph with blitz. Believe Kids is underway – ends tomorrow. First fundraising meeting will be on November 12. WE will look at results from Believe Kids and take a look at what to do the rest of the year and into the future. Everyone is invited and feedback is welcome.

Enrichment: Classes have started (soccer); others will be starting the first of November. A lot of students signed up for soccer (mostly primary) – several students have not shown up so Ning will call and move waitlist kids in. For Tae Kwon Do, 22 students have signed up and we will have older students who have experience with Tae Kwon Do help assist the class. Currently seeking help with Chess club after school. Boeig meets on Tuesdays. Rosters will be sent to teachers regarding which students are in enrichment classes. Art Docent meeting was held – would like two art docents for each class. Looking for volunteers. Susan is sharing communication with teachers. Art supplies come out of the enrichment budget in PSO. Final number of art docents is unknown – have 3 to 4 vacancies. Individual families may

be invited in to help with art if docents are not found. Look ahead: School Play is coming up in March (14-19). Science Night is Feb. 5 (working on getting Pacific Science Center here the Wednesday before). Question asked: Student Science projects? We had this feature several years ago but over the years it became a lot to take on. If volunteers are available tomorrow please come to office to help count money.

PR: Box top season. Submission day is November 2. Currently we have about \$600.00 in box tops. We still have Westgate Elementary Parents page – we have 88 members. We also have an additional Facebook page – Westgate PSO. Launched the new website last week. Run by WordPress. Mobile friendly. Facebook link at the bottom. Area for news posts. Hope to promote Amazon for the holidays.

Monster Mash: Friday, 10/30. Need to test the music. Scavenger hunt – getting supplies; Photo Booth; games; Lea is doing a movie – scholastic Halloween movie; arts & crafts; need concessions and greeting at the door. Veronica set up volunteers on Volunteer Spot. We need volunteers for clean-up and set-up.

Finances: Chris shared the finances from school years 2012-2013 to present. Encouraged that Finance and Fund Raising meet together.

Grant Approval: Andrea moved that we approve the grants presented by Susan; Susan seconded the motion. All present approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm