



WESTGATE PSO | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 02/11/15, 7:00-8:00 PM | Meeting location Westgate Elementary's Library

AGENDA TOPICS

Present (including parents, family members, and staff): 18 Topics of Discussion included:

| Agenda topic: *Grants* |

4 recent grants from staff requested and approved:

- Third grade teachers- Future nature fieldtrip with trained forest rangers @ Yost Park - **Cost: \$136.00**
- Fraction Tiles to better aide students with common core expectations - **Cost: \$327.00**
- First grade teachers- Special class project with Air Kites - **Cost: \$373.00**
- Library- To add additional books to the selection that specifically address English as a second language learner (our school represents 26 different languages!!) - **Cost: \$700.00**

| Agenda topic: *Principal's Report* | Presenter Ms. Susan Jung-Lathrop

- 6th graders successfully performed the dissection of sheep brains!
- Topic of Bullying was addressed school wide, including a special school assembly.
- Re-locatable classrooms are coming to our school (also known as "portables").
- Smart balance test begins in March with 3rd graders.
- Registration for Kindergarten next year is open now...please let neighbors know.
- Inside of school is being freshly painted (during non-school hours/evenings).
- Lunch buddy project. This will entail matching up a volunteer parent with a student, 1x/week during lunch time.

Please contact **Susan Lathrop** or **Julie Busse** if interested. Training anticipated to begin in March.

| Agenda topic: *Leader in Me* | Presenter *Dayna Tolman*

- We now have both student and parent/teacher Lighthouse teams.
- Students created a song in 2014 that has catchy tune and encompasses the 7 habits of highly effective people.
- Possible grant available to parents who are interested in starting a book club that would review the parent guide that goes with the *Leader in Me* book. Anyone interested??
- March 26th is Leadership Day!

| Agenda topic *Cookie Dough Drive* | Presenter *Andrea Cox*

Spring Fundraiser: Cougar Mountain Cookie Sale!! Starts March 6th -20th
Please be looking for details.

| Agenda topic *Future of the PSO* |

Time for new people and fresh ideas to come on board and be involved with the PSO! Many of our wonderful long term PSO committee members will be stepping down next year as their kids are getting older and moving on to middle school soon.

--Your time and consideration over this future commitment is greatly appreciated.--