

Greywolf PTA 1.4.40 General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 20, 2007
Greywolf Elementary Library

MINUTES

In Attendance: President Stephen Rosales; Vice Presidents Enrichment John Cole and April Bellerud; Vice Presidents Fundraising Michelle Earley and Carol Labbe; Secretary Sharon Prosser; Treasurer Edi Barrow; Donna Burnside, Dot Gosset, Kevin Burnside, Deborah Klopfenstein, Li Gordon, Connie Anderson, Laura MacMurchie, Kate Galbraith, Tom Martin, Cheryl Earley, Cathy Shaddock and guest Bill Bentley

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Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Stephen Rosales. The meeting commenced with the introduction of School Superintendent Bill Bentley.

Presentation by Bill Bentley. Mr. Bentley spoke about his background, philosophy and history teaching/working with children. He spoke positively about the school district and of Greywolf. He thanked Cheryl Earley for preparing a delicious lunch for the administration team last week. As an instructor he has contacted parents on the phone to say how he appreciated having their child in his classroom. It is critical to proceed with 10 positive comments before mentioning a negative.

Bill's background: He has 2 daughters, 1 son, 4 grandchildren (2 boys, 2 girls). Two of his children are teachers of the 5th and 7th grade; his other daughter is a personal fitness trainer. His wife is currently a teacher of early childhood education in Port Townsend. He has taught in Evergreen (southwest WA, near Vancouver). The Evergreen school district has 25k kids; he served 8k of those 25k; he has been a supervisor in Stevenson (Columbia River Gorge area); a supervisor in Oregon for 8 years. He taught mostly elementary grades. He taught 10 years before becoming school administrator.

Bill's beliefs: Every child has great worth; he convinces every child how smart they are. These kids would succeed/exceed their expectations. He explained the three R's: rigor, relevance and relationships. He answered questions and listened to comments about WASL. He also explained the difference between WASL and MAP testing. He explained that many factors affect the results. There is a possibility that the State may switch from WASL to MAP in the future. The MAP test charts amount of growth a child is making. He stated that the level of support a child receives is what makes the difference.

Conclusion: He thanked the PTA for inviting him to speak. He welcomed parents to contact him if they had any questions or concerns. Stephen informed Bill that he would be receiving a Greywolf sweatshirt from the PTA as a token of our appreciation.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the October 17th general membership meeting were reviewed. One correction was made to change "Patricia" to "Tricia." A motion was made by Carol Labbe and seconded approving the 10-17-07 minutes with the above correction. Motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report: Edi reported that she made a several large deposits today which are not yet reflected on the attached Profit & Loss statement. She will have Dot and Michelle report the earnings of Book Fair and Holiday Bazaar. Connie Anderson asked about the audit committee and stated that she would be interested in being on it. That committee needs 3 people. It was suggested that Karla Wiker be asked to be on it as well.

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Book Fair: Dot reported that she took on the Book Fair only 1.5 weeks prior to it. The Scholastic book fair made \$9,193, which included \$467 in sales made Sunday. Our goal this year was \$8,000 and we exceed it. Used book sales were \$775; One for Books \$422. Dot reported that the PTA was able to purchase 70 books for classrooms. Each class received \$15 to pull books. Mr. Stevens & Mr. Reno received more; reading specialist got all the books on her wish list. The Librarian has a \$1,200 budget. She takes \$300; PTA will match with \$300. Librarian is happy with her \$1,200. Dot says the ~\$1,700 will go back into unallocated funds. PTA will save \$150 for booking one year in advance; there is \$260 remaining on the books from the previous year. Librarian would like to “hold” that money.

Holiday Bazaar: Carol reported that ~3,000 attend the Holiday Bazaar. There were 72 vendors at \$45 per table = \$3,200. There were some last minute vendor cancellations. Advertising costs were \$150. The raffle cleared \$447; sold \$50 in McTakeover coupons; the kitchen cleared \$629. Li Gordon reported that the 5th grade steppers earned \$150 selling all of their recipe jars. Carol and Cheryl thanked many parents and volunteers for their participation. John Cole suggested asking teachers if they would open their classrooms for additional vendors. Carol responded that she posted announcements for vendors and only received 4 responses. She says people don't take advantage. Carol says it's hard to get people out of the gym – that's the hot location. It was suggested to charge more for a “gym” table. Carol responded she didn't want to gouge vendors as the amount we charge for a table is high enough. Stephen presented roses to Dot and Carol.

The Book Worms winner is yet to be determined.

Coin Drive: Cheryl made a motion which was seconded to award the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners of the coin drive with class treats in addition to the 1st place winners. The motion was unanimously carried.

Reflections: Kate reported that we need more entries into the Reflections program as there are only 2 entries to date.

Home Room Parent: Deborah Klopfenstein offered to advertise the need for Reflection entries through home room parents. She also suggested that Greywolf have a class/school directory. She is willing to take on this task.

Kiosk: April reported that Cassie Davidson needs help keeping the kiosk current. Stephen volunteered to manage this as he is at Greywolf 3x a day.

Sodoko: John reported that the sodoko (3,000 cranes) was enjoyed by all. He thanked the PTA on behalf of the staff.

President's resignation: Stephen announced that effective immediately he is resigning as PTA president as he doesn't have the time it takes to be president (he volunteers full-time at the Boys & Girls Club and the local food bank). He is over taxed. Stephen is especially interested in helping John Cole raise funds to procure the weather station and to see to it that the facilities committee builds Greywolf a multi-purpose/cafeteria (which is currently #6 on their project's list). He already has \$2,000 in commitments from locals towards the weather station. He will solicit the Littlejohns for a donation as well.

January 16 general meeting: April reported that there will be no PTA general membership meeting in December (as discussed at prior PTA meetings). The next general meeting will be January 16, 2008. Nominations for president will be taken from the floor followed by an election. Anyone interested in running for

president must be a member in good standing of the Greywolf PTA for at least 30 days. Go to wspta website for additional information/resources. It was suggested that Mr. Hasting be our guest speaker at the January meeting so that he may make his presentation regarding archery. April requested that the January 16th general meeting begin at 6:00 p.m. (instead of 6:30) in case we want to have a Board of Directors' ("BOD") meeting after the general meeting. April made a motion to change the start time of the January 16th general meeting from 6:30 to 6 p.m. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

PTA training: Leadership training will be held in January. All executive committee members are encouraged to attend. The GW PTA may "piggy back" with the middle school PTA and save \$35 enrollment fee. Donna Burnside will e-mail the executive committee with details. She will contact regional director Gena Wales with a head count.

Dungeness Watershed Management Team: Tom Martin reported that the DWMT is looking for a new logo to put on their website. Tom said it would be a great opportunity for children to learn why a river has to be managed and why rivers depend on us. Kids could have field trips to learn more. He proposed having a contest for the students for the best logo design. Ideas were that the 3 top designs could be sent to a graphic artist for finishing touches. Carol Labbe suggested Tom speak with Annette Hansen who is the district coordinator to get this information into the school system. Since this idea was well received, Tom will proceed with this and get more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.