



March 3, 2016

Executive Board Meeting

In attendance:

Melissa Daughters, Jodi Haggen, Teri Milnes, Heather Calloway, and Laura Lawyer.

Mark Schlichting – Board member for Bellingham promise for Bellingham Public Schools Foundation Promise Campaign. “Keep the Promise” campaign. Fundraising is for Promise K for early childhood development. STEM (field trips, robotics, music and arts, - music teacher stipends.)
One schoolhouse approach. Every child gets the same opportunities no matter what school they attend.

The last 2 weeks in March is the big campaign push. Hoping to raise \$500,000 or approximately \$50 per family.

This money also helping with field trips – if there is something the Promise can help with re: fieldtrips, call and see if the funds are available. Last year raised over \$200,000.

Other ways to raise money: Hungry Minds breakfast and private donations.

Trying to help the PTA with things that they are not able to fund for their schools.

Mrs. Burdick put in a request to see if there were funds available for first grade musical “Arf”. The money is already in the budget and will be grated to the 1st grade musical.

Minutes approved from February 4, 2016 meeting

Auction – meeting Monday night at Andrea’s house 6:00 to start planning. June 10th – invite incoming kindergarteners. Send out save the date cards.

Dance – Ariel –April 22nd,

Photo booth \$300 for the photographer– 2 strips for \$5

DJ – Whatcom Sound – approx. \$300-400.

PTO will handle the trinket table.

Parent education night for April. All the 5th graders will be at Mt. School. Do we want to switch the date or cancel this PEN meeting? Possibly do that meeting separately? Have this one health and nutrition? Melissa will send out a Facebook invite to see if there is interest. Know by April 1st if they will attend.

PEN next year. Do we want to have them at all? Very few people show up the meetings. Offer a general meeting prior to our executive meetings. Per the Bylaws will have to offer a general meeting. This will give anyone an opportunity to come and discuss topics.

Keep the kindergarten meeting. If we have a really good speaker or topic, we can have a meeting.

Kids night out – 70 kids at last kid’s night out. Will get another person from the Y on the books for sure to work. Next movie is the Peanuts Movie for the next Kinds Night Out in March.

Field update – waiting on Eli. Working with RAM on the project. District is going to pay this and we will reimburse the school district. Re: sod, if we get parent volunteers can reduce the costs. If we raise the money from the auction – can we get the sod in before next school year?



President – nothing
Secretary – nothing

Volunteer – Jodi – volunteer appreciation week. April 18-24th - Boundary Bay with kids invited? Pizza party in the lower commons? Jalapenos party platters? Coffee and muffins at the beginning of school day. Chocolate treats. Banner for volunteers. Thank you chocolates. Jodi will decide what to do for this.

Budget meeting – we will have this after the jog a thon.
Scheduled a pre-budget meeting – May 20th at Jodi's house.

PAC – Laura's new job does not allow her to go to the monthly PAC meetings at the school district. Heather Shepard will be attending as our representative.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Heather Calloway.

Follow up:

Angela Hayes sent an email requesting that the PTO authorize payment of gum for the third, fourth and fifth grade smarter balance testing. In the past there has been snacks for the kids, but due to allergies they are requesting to purchase gum.

This was unanimously approved by the Board via an email vote.

The Board continues to give the current 5th graders options for fundraising for the various end of the school year activities. They are currently looking at having an ice cream social during the student led conferences.

There is concern from the current 4th grade families regarding the budget for next year's 5th grade activities and the fundraising that they are going to need to do. A survey is being sent to the current 4th graders asking what their priorities are for fundraising for the 5th grade (i.e. memory books, 5th grade picnic, etc.). We have also invited the current 4th grade parents to attend the next PEN night (April 14th) to discuss the budget and different fundraising options.