

## **Spencer Butte Middle School PTO Meeting October 25, 2016**

In attendance: 7 parents and SBMS Principal Tasha Katsuda

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Sherrie Bandy. Introductions were made.

Camara Kambon has stepped up to be our new Vice President. Thank you, Camara!

John Bauman will be the new parent representative on the Site Council. Thank you, John!

### **Walk the Amazon Update:**

The fundraiser has made \$16,050 so far. Money is still coming in, and there is at least an extra \$500 to be deposited. Since many Edgewood parents are used to collecting jog-a-tun money after the event, it was brought up that perhaps collecting before the event was confusing. We should create a mechanism for collection after the walk. This effects the raffle on the day of WTA, but perhaps this doesn't matter?

Jen Doerr reported that the day of the walk was very calm and went smoothly. Bree Bouse and Jen Doerr will write a debrief of the event to document what went well, and what did not. For instance, we wondered if we should we have it later in the year next year.

There is a Walk the Amazon video on the website for anyone who would like to see what the event was like.

### **Volunteer Update:**

Dana Abel and Charlie Loeb have volunteered to work on ways to use our new SBMS website to coordinate volunteers. We need help for Lisa Kinser-Wehr with Volunteer Coordination. Perhaps Charlie and Dana can help once they figure out the website?

We have traditionally done a baked potato bar for the teachers on conference day. We discussed other types of foods, but decided potatoes were versatile for vegetarians and vegans as well as meat eaters. Wren volunteered to take this day on. Conference Day is December 8th. The dinner will be at 4:00. Parents have traditionally signed up to bring chili and other toppings, salads and desserts to go with the potatoes. We will need volunteer coordination help with this.

### **Parent Info Nights:**

Teen Proof your home by Lane County Public Health will be November 15th at 7pm. This is a broad program with great advice. They have been to SBMS before, and it was well received. Planned Parenthood in the spring. We will discuss a third possible topic at a later meeting. It was asked if the South Eugene resource officer would come back.

### **Community Nights Fundraisers:**

We will schedule the first fundraiser at Track Town mid December. Then try to set one at Dickie Joe's in January. We will try to have one once a month since they are easy to do and bring in important funds to run Walk the Amazon.

**Endorsement Letter:**

Our PTO has been asked to sign a letter endorsing measures 97, 98 & 99 by the 4J Parent Leader Group. We decided not to endorse at this time since we did not have the text of the letter. Several people also wondered if it was appropriate for the group to represent the desires of all parents at Spencer Butte. Or, is it clear that it is only the opinion of the parents who attend PTO. Sherrie suggested that she get the text of the letter and do a survey via email to see how everyone felt after reading the text and having time to think about it.

**Announcements:**

Picture retakes are on Halloween. If the old pictures are better than the new ones you can still choose the old ones. You can order any time online.

Camara mentioned that there are Jazz nights at the She'd where kids get in free. A great community night that can expose kids to jazz.