

Lowrie Primary PTA

09/25/14 General Meeting Minutes

- 1) Call to order 6:30. Introductions.
- 2) Approval of minutes from 08/27/14 General Meeting. Moved, seconded, no discussion. All in favor. Motion approved.
- 3) Notify membership of budgetary changes – Travis Tadema.
 - First - \$100 for copy reimbursement to school.
 - Second – add additional \$450 to original total for teacher grants to account for new staff due to higher enrollment.
- 4) Principal's Report.
 - a. conference sign ups out now
 - b. enrichment sign ups to come out soon.
- 5) Wheel A Thon update – Carrie Keith.
 - a. flyers with schedule and all info to go out next week. Fundraising NOW! Up to \$13,000 with sponsors and families. Please send out notices using 99pledges website to out of area family. Bring in cash or checks in the morning to grade-level donations.
 - b. note made about skateboards. Can be more dangerous than anticipated, please advise students.
- 6) Bond and Levy Information – Chelsea Martin.
 - a. Bond info: New middle and new Sunset Primary in West Linn, many infrastructure, safety improvements, as well as preventive actions so deferred maintenance bills don't get high. Technology, arts improvements a big part as well.
 - b. Levy – 46 teacher positions across district (roughly 3/school). Renewal, not a new levy or tax. Maintains current funding level.
 - c. PLEASE: Vote Yes Twice – bond and levy! Sign up for Phone Banking on Sunday evenings. "Friend" Facebook page for Vote yes twice. Write letters to the editor (300 words or less) to encourage voting yes twice.
- 7) Carnival Update – Dianne Knight.
 - a. October 24th! First planning meeting October 1st at 8am, every Wednesday after that until event.
 - b. 2nd grade food drive service component
 - c. suggested donation of \$5/person admission. Paid food, pictures, free snacks?
- 8) November 1st Event. Pancake breakfast, bookfair kickoff, and Chrysler Drive Event.
 - a. 8am-12 noon.

- b. Rotary pancakes and omelets
- c. Newberg Dodge cars to drive - \$10/test drive to PTA. Kids craft while parent drives.
- d. Bookfair kickoff as well.
- e. coordinator needed!!

- 9) Special Presentation – Robyn Mesdag, life threatening food allergies & anaphylaxis.
- a. allergies and sensitivities not often life-threatening, but when they are, prevention is key. Know who has a life-threatening reaction (history of anaphylaxis). Even trace amounts of the item can cause anaphylaxis!
 - b. Reaction takes about 1-3 minutes before noticeable symptoms: breathing problems, swelling, etc. Reaction is always epi pen and 911 call. Epi pens do not always work!
 - c. Prevention is key! Please don't send known problem foods! No treats, please! (School policy). Educate kids not to tease or single out kids with issues, don't share food. Opt-in allergen table (for families who insist on sending known allergen foods) instead of opt-out special table for singled out kids, please!
 - d. Patrick – have 8 person team on site trained for epi pen use, some on site. All IA's and staff trained on symptom identification.
 - e. Patrick to look into becoming a nut-free school (not just peanut free, but all nuts). Reaction to nuts is most common severe reaction, and many families have this issue.

10) Close of meeting. Adjourned.