

**Floyd Dryden Middle School
PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 7, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Members Present:

Lori Seymour, Karla Stephens, Anjela Johnston, Kalie Bell, Shannon West, Jodi Wise, Nancy Eiler, Kristen Gress, George Gress,

Minutes from last meeting, 11/2/09 were reviewed and approved.

Teacher Funding Requests (details for each funding request can be obtained with the meeting minutes):

The following requests were presented/submitted:

- Kristen Gress (8th Grade) attended the meeting to present her funding request for \$625 to have naturalist/artist, Kathy Hocker, work with 8th grade students as she has in years past. The program is a study of Lewis and Clark's famous trip with the Corp of Discovery and will benefit 112 children. Kristen presented journals creatively made from her students in previous 8th grade classes.
- Nancy Eiler presented a funding request for \$4,300 to sustain existing program "Breakfast & Books" for the current school year. The program currently serves an average of 36 students per school day. Nancy explained that up to this point, the program has been funded from money allocated to FDMS and DZ middle schools through district funds. To date, FDMS has spent \$2,241.56 toward the program. Due to the amount requested, there was much discussion about finding a local non-profit organization to request matching funds with mention of Tlingit-Haida as a potential donor and/or the possibility of PTO supporting a portion of the request.
- Samantha Davis (8th Grade) submitted a request for \$200 to benefit the 80 children in her language arts class. The requested funding would provide support to this year's 8th grade poetry anthology (which is written, edited, designed and published entirely by students).
- Sally Millay submitted a request for \$400 on behalf of all FDMS students, staff and families for the purchase/use of colored paper for newsletters, concert programs, school notices and other projects. Five cases of paper requested should cover a two year time period.
- Candy Held submitted a request for \$500 to be used toward funding for the 8th grade dance for items such as decorations, party favors and food. PTO has funded similar requests in the past. A suggestion was made by Shannon West to plan the 8th grade dance after the High School prom to utilize decorations. In year's past, 8th grade parents helping with the dance have coordinated a time to pick up the prom decorations after the High School.

Financial Report:

Karla reported gross QSP sales of \$15,474.88 with approximately \$9,304.21 due to QSP and approximately \$1,547 due to participating teachers. PTO profit will be approximately \$4,500. Account balance of **\$2,933.86** was again carried forward from the September 2, 2009 meeting minutes. No checks have been written since new board members have taken office.

Old Business:

1. New board members names need to be updated as signors on the PTO bank account. The bank requires one of last year's signors to authorize changes made to the account. Lori and Anjela will make arrangements with one of last year's officers to update the account.
2. School Nurse Request was tabled until the next PTO meeting since Jackie Kookesh was not present for the meeting due to illness: October discussion was revisited. Jackie will check with the nurse to see about the number of children who come to the nurse's office for a snack and how much of an inventory she might need to sustain the request. Jackie will report back to the PTO at the next meeting.
3. Site Council: Anjela Johnston and Jodi Wise reported the following:
 - Purpose of the Site Council was explained as being a liaison between the school and board with input on issues such as school calendar, communication between district and school and items directly related to the school such as the new crosswalk system.
 - The school calendar for 2010-2011 was discussed at great length as the Juneau School District has suggested the following:
 1. earlier start in August to finish the year before Memorial Day and
 2. District-wide early release adjustments to next year's calendar. Anyone in opposition to the district-wide early release was encouraged to attend the district meeting on Tuesday, 12/8/09 and/or to contact Laury Scandling at laury_scandling@jsd.k12.ak.us.

Next meeting 1/4/2010.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kalie Bell