

**Floyd Dryden Middle School  
PTO Meeting Minutes  
(Monday) January 4, 2010**

*Meeting called to order at 7:00pm*

**Members Present:**

Lori Seymour, Karla Stephens, Kalie Bell, Shannon West, Jodi Wise, Jackie Kookesh

Minutes from last meeting, 12/7/09 were reviewed and edited to reflect a cash balance of \$2,933.86 which was carried forward from September 2009. Meeting minutes from October and November 2009 have also been edited to reflect the accurate cash balance per September 2009 meeting minutes.

**Financial Report:**

December 31, 2009 Balance Sheet was discussed. Approximately \$1,700 will be allocated to teachers who participated in QSP fundraiser. PTO members approved up to \$5,775 from QSP profits to use toward teacher funding requests and agreed to leave approximately \$3,000 in the account to cover potential spring & fall projects in 2010.

No checks have been written since new board members have taken office.

**Vice Principal Report:**

1. School Nurse Request was revisited and Jackie has not received specific information from the nurse concerning number of students who come to the nurse's office for a snack and how much of an inventory she might need to sustain the request. Jackie estimated 8-10 students request snacks each day and will follow up with an email to one of the board members after speaking to the nurse about specific numbers. Jackie mentioned alternate programs in place such as the morning and after school programs that offer snacks for kids.
2. Jackie mentioned a potential spring program that would address the rising problems of cell phones and text messaging among middle school students. The program would be held in conjunction with the Juneau Police Department and would replace the Drug Awareness Program that has been utilized for the past several years. More information will be presented at the February PTO meeting.
3. Jackie expressed that approved PTO meeting minutes should be emailed directly to the Floyd Dryden webmaster, Rich Culver. Kalie will send the minutes to Rich for publication on the school website.

**Site Council:**

Jodi Wise reported the following:

Site Council is in need of parent involvement. As a result of low numbers involved, much formality is lacking. Current members welcome anyone who may be interested in joining this important council. The Site Council will be working on establishing or reconstructing bi-laws over the next few meetings. Discussion was had about recruiting members for Site Council and PTO membership.

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

APPROVED:

- **\$625** to Kristen Gress (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) to have naturalist/artist, Kathy Hocker, work with 8<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **\$200** to Samantha Davis (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) to benefit the 80 children in her language arts class. The requested funding would provide support to this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade poetry anthology (which is written, edited, designed and published entirely by students).
- **\$400** to Sally Millay 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.
- **\$500** to Candy Held's request to be used toward funding for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance for items such as decorations, party favors and food. PTO has funded similar requests in the past.
- **\$200** conditional approval to Brenda Warneca's request for art supply to benefit students. PTO would like additional information before a final approval is made.
- **\$637** to A. Rodriguez request for incubator to be used by multiple classes/grades to allow the study of bacterial growth.
- **\$170** to Missouri Smythe's request for a new metronome.

TABLED FOR MORE DISCUSSION:

- **\$4,300** to sustain existing program "Breakfast & Books" for the current school year has been tabled for future discussion. 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.
- **\$900** request by Missouri Smythe for a sound system due to approval of \$1,400 Bose sound system in 2008/2009
- **\$ AMOUNT DEPENDS ON SIZE** request from Jackie Kookesh for a metal bench.

\*PTO may open a second opportunity for teachers to submit funding requests. The discussion will continue among board members via email.

*Next meeting 2/1/2010.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kalie Bell