

**Mc Cornack Elementary
PTO Minutes
April 7, 2008**

In Attendance: Richelle Brigola, Debi Cornell, Vicki Hood, Paula McDonald, Holly Powell, Danielle Benson, Kallin Benson, Todd Aydelott, Rob and Shannon Henderson, Karen Olsen, Laurie Freeman, Charis McGaughy, Marcie Olander, Kristin Nusser Heather Wilson, Li-Shan Chou, Kathleen Seely, Laurie Nichols, Hillary Galloway, Esther Barton, Debby Laimon, Sara Raffensperger, Judy Davies, Tasha Katsuda.

District TAG Coordinator: Kerri Sage gave an immense amount of information regarding. TAG children are identified into three groups, Intellectually gifted, Academically gifted with special identification in math and reading, and Potential to Perform. Blanket TAG testing is done for each student in 4J at second grade. Please note that Oregon is one of three states that mandates testing for TAG students without providing money. More information is available online at www.OATAG.org.

Title One Coordinator Todd Aydelott: Todd provided a run down on the testing students are working on through out the school year. The schedule is as follows:

*DIBELS/Grades K-5/Fall, Winter and Spring/testing for early reading skills

*4J Reading Assessment/Grades K-5/K,2-5 test 2 times per year and grade 1 tests 3 times per year/testing for early reading skills, vocabulary and comprehension.

*State Writing Assessment/Grade 4/Winter/testing for writing skills

*Statewide Assessment Test/Grades 3-5/reading and math grades 3-5/science grade 5/ social sciences grade 5.

Principal Updates: Ms. Katsuda informed the PTO group of the Classical Music Program starting at McCornack. She also talked about her upcoming trip to Washington D.C. regarding the possible Chinese Immersion program in the Churchill High School region.

Safe Routes to School Grant: This grant is being spearheaded by Marina Hajek and is in partnership with the University of Oregon. This grant will help outline the safest routes for kids to walk or bike to school. Please fill out and return the survey that was sent home with your child. All information needs to go through our McCornack Site Council for final approval before the application for the grant is submitted. Please note that there will be two "brainstorming" sessions at Churchill High School on April 14 and April 28 from 6pm to 7:30pm.

New Business: Proposal by Danielle Benson to add three more positions to the PTO Board. They are as follows: Ways and Means Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator. Motion by Laurie Nichols for approval, seconded by Paula McDonald. Approved by majority vote.

Nominations for 2008-2009:

*Danielle Benson for Vice President

Motion by Laurie Nichols, seconded by Paula McDonald.

*Holly Powell for President

Motion by Vicki Hood, seconded Danielle Benson.

*Laurie Freeman for Secretary

Motion by Holly Powell, seconded by Danielle Benson.

*Debi Cornell for Treasurer

Motion by Danielle Benson, seconded Sara Raffensperger.

*Laurie Nichols for Ways and Means Coordinator

Motion by Holly Powell and seconded by Danielle Benson.

*Angie Elstone for Volunteer Coordinator

Motion by Danielle Benson, seconded by Holly Powell.

Miscellaneous Items:

Treasurer's Report- \$22,516.79 current balance in PTO checking account.

Reminders: Carnival is on May 16. Oliver is May 8,9,10.