

Park City High School PSTO Meeting

November 10, 2009

Present: Shauna Engen, Dale Cohen, Sally Vangeison, Julie Eihausen, Tania Knauer, Kristen Ryberg, Connie Whitworth, Rose Pershe, Linda Haessler, Mickey Palomaki, Lynn Cier, Debbi Bessembinder, Hilary Hays.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32.

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Tania Knauer: Redistricting and Ethics
 - A. Petitions were circulated on campaign finance reform and ethics reform rules and redistricting by an independent committee.
3. Principal's Report: Hilary Hays
 - A. The football team will be playing in the State Semifinal game this Friday at Rice-Eccles Stadium. If 500 tickets are sold, there will be an early release day so that students can attend the game. Essentially the location of school is moved for the day. About half the required tickets have been sold. If school is not released, students who attend the game will receive a school related absence.
 - B. Bonfire for Thursday night. Currently there is not enough wood. Wood needs to be found, brought to the parking lot and covered since there is supposed to be snow. The bonfire will be at 7:00 pm. Cheerleaders and music are set to go. It will be just like the one for homecoming. Also needed are volunteers to bring chili and big coolers for water. If things can't be put into place for this week, will try for next week.
4. Student Council Upcoming activities:
 - A. Talent Show tryouts will be December 3rd and 4th. The Talent Show will be December 18th at 1:25pm.
5. District Policy on Drugs and Alcohol: The school only has control with what happens at school. Consequences for activities occurring outside school hours or off school grounds can be enforced for certain populations (such as athletes) of students who sign contracts agreeing to abstain from such behaviors. Drug and alcohol testing may not be financially feasible or reliable. What can the school do?
 - A. Discussions in health classes about the negative effects of drugs and alcohol.
 - B. Trading Card system to start younger kids on the right track earlier.
6. Dress Code: The school does have a dress code. The administration does try to enforce it, but it starts in the classroom. Some teachers may be uncomfortable addressing certain situations because they do not want to be accused of "looking". Also, the policy may be somewhat ambiguous due to different body types (what fits on one student may be unacceptable on another (too short, etc.)). One suggestion is to change the dress code to allow only capped sleeves and shorts to the knee, but this might be a problem with some parents. Maybe a parent committee is needed to redefine the policy.
7. Water Bottles: The PTSTO is selling logoed, self-filtering water bottles for \$25. The filter lasts 9-12 months or 800 uses. Each teacher will receive a bottle for Christmas. Bottles are currently being sold at the student store.
8. School will be in session on December 21st and 22nd. Both days will be quality review days or labs (i.e. no movies). Tuesday will be a district wide early release.

9. Cheerleaders: The Cheerleading squad had a rough start at the beginning of the year, but things seem to be back on track. It is a young squad. There have also been issues with coaches' lack of supervision. There is now a new coaching staff (Alissa Fine is the new coach), and new tryouts have been held. Latino participation has increased.
10. Treasurer's Report: Julie Eihausen. (See attached)
 - A. Honor Roll budget is \$1000. Budget may be an issue. The superintendent says that we cannot do candy, so a new idea may be needed for February which might be more expensive.
 - B. Lisa Wilson thinks she may not have turned in receipts from last year. Receipts need to be turned in in a timely manner. Refunds cannot be made from a previous year's budget.
 - C. A chair is still needed for Grad Night.
 - D. Roger Arsht needs \$2000 for the school wide summer reading program like this year's "Canaries on the Rim". It is suggested that this get forwarded to School Community Council.
 - E. Grants: See attached for details
 1. Violin Coach: \$700
 2. Bussing for Symphony: NO (funded elsewhere)
 3. Laptop Ferreyra: \$1039
 4. Media Tech Equipment: \$884.20
 5. Digital Recorders: \$950\$3572.20 was spent. There is \$427 left.
 - F. Student Directory can release \$1150.
 - G. PTSO will get profit from water bottle sales.
 - H. Health Fair can release \$270. Thank you to those who made donations.
11. Charter School: May have unintended financial impact. The school will get WPU money and a percentage of locally levied money.
12. Tomorrow is a late start.
13. Booster Club: Next meeting Thursday at Einstein's.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.