**Grant Watts Parent Organization**

**October Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018**

**7 p.m. | Grant Watts Library**

**Attendees:**

Tia Rushing, Virginia Fenstermaker, Ivy Freimuth, Nikki Tetz, Stephanie West, Chez Strachan, Jessica Townsend, Kayla LaBranche, Jenny Hoerauf, Megan Meinecke, Kimberly Schrader and Marcee Cousins

**Call to Order: Introductions**

* Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by president Tia Rushing.

**Guest Speaker:**

* Mrs. Backus presented on behalf of the third-grade classroom to detail the spending request for Hoyt Arboretum. The third-grade has not previously done this field trip and it is an opportunity for learning about ‘Oregon inheritance and variation of traits,’ supporting a new standard of curriculum. This is a two-hour educational opportunity and small group led by a naturalist. The dates reserved are in three weeks. The cost is $3 per person with buses (chaperones will be complimentary). The collective amount is $538. This will be in addition to the currently planned field trips.
	+ The Tillamook Forest experience is not slated for expense and we receive a bus grant to cover transportation expenses, with a focus on the life cycle of the salmon.
* Hattie Schotzberger presented to detail the spending request Brain Pop Junior program to be deployed in the first grade, in the amount of $175 for three-device simultaneous use (one-year subscription). It touches on many aspects of learning with social studies and provides introductory concepts to students – which has been well-received by students.

**President’s Report: Tia Rushing**

* **Movie tickets** – We sold 99 movie tickets with profit of $297 with the Columbia Theatre. We are also speaking with the Scappoose Theatre for a trial period that may commence in the winter.
* **Bulletin board** – Thank you to Sarah Brown for creating a beautiful bulletin board on behalf on the GWPO, as featured in the main hallway.
* **Bingo event recap** – Thank you to Ivy Freimuth for leading the event with more than 200 people in attendance. The new bingo boards were a success.
* **Scholastic magazine overages** – Two overages received unanimous vote by the board for approval: $14 for kindergarten magazine subscription as well as a Scholastic magazine increase of $40.25. To avoid unexpected subscription increases, the board will consider alternative ways to purchase subscriptions.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Tia Rushing presented the report on behalf of Deanna Erhardt, including the 12-month certificate $19,107.85. Our checking is at $20,408.74. Our money market savings is at $47,169.65. Our remaining contingency funds are available in the amount of $6867.19.
	+ Deanna has been successfully onboarded to the role of treasurer.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

* Walks-A-Lot - Recess (Tuesdays, 12:45-2:10 p.m.). Contact Marcee Cousins 971-444-5160
	+ The program encourages students to get moving and volunteers are needed to volunteer on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Responsibilities include punching each students’ Walks A Lot card per lap.
	+ Super Hero Fun Run serves as a separate fundraising effort led by Mrs. Stearns on Oct. 11 in the afternoon.
* Fall Harvest Festival booths
	+ Use the online signup Genius posted to our Facebook page and emailed out or text Jessica Townsend at 503-410-1102
	+ We are accepting candy bar donations for the Candy Hop booth
	+ We are seeking student volunteers as well and they will receive volunteer certification

**Open Lead Positions Needed:**

* Annual Spring Auction Co-leaders
	+ We are seeking co-leads working in conjunction with the board. The event leadership includes curating a committee, food and beverage, decorations, procurement, planning, etc. Please contact Tia Rushing if interested.
* Fall Harvest Festival (Shadow)
	+ We need a volunteer to shadow with Jessica Townsend to take on this role as the event chair for the 2019-2020 school year
	+ Responsibilities include purchasing prizes, food and booth supplies

**Lead Reports:**

* Fall Harvest Festival – Jessica Townsend presented update that volunteers are still needed and the event logistics are on track

**School District Updates:**

* Ivy Freimuth presented School District updates on meeting topics of interest, including:
	+ High school dress code which impacts students throughout the district. Ivy drew attention to an article featured in student newspaper The Candle
	+ Student health policy proposed for amendment from “notification will be provided” to “parent written permission is required” prior student examination
* The next District Meeting is Oct. 8

**Old Business:**

* Motion for second music show – Tia Rushing presented update from exploration discussion with Mrs. Stearns that the second show would not be as engaging for second graders.

**New Business:**

* As a result of a ballot vote, the Spring Auction theme ‘Circus, as inspired by The Greatest Showman,’ has received majority vote.

**Special Spending Request Vote:**

* Jessica Townsend motioned to approve the spending request from Ms. King for the Hoyt Arboretum for third grade field trip in the amount of $538. Nikki Tetz seconded. Motion passed.
* Jessica Townsend motioned to approve the spending request for Brain Pop Junior from Mrs. Schrotzberger for the first-grade classes, in the amount of $175. Nikki Tetz seconded. Motion approved.
* Ivy Freimuth motioned to approve the spending request for music field trip from Mrs. Hubbard in the amount of $401.84 two buses for three hours (with no additional expenses for the student experience). Jessica Townsend seconded. Motion approved.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.**

**Upcoming District Meetings:**

Scappoose School District Board Meeting- Oct 8, 6:30 p.m. District office

**Upcoming Grant Watts Events:**

* International Walk and Bike to School Day, Oct. 10
* Super Hero Fun Run, Oct. 11
* Fall Harvest Festival, Oct. 27, 5-8 p.m.

**Next Meeting: November 7, 2018 | 7 p.m.**