

Oly Jr PTA mtg 2/09/16

Attending: Mr. Grant, Jennifer Kleinman, Melissa Auger, Alyse Christensen, Melissa Rideout, Robyn Bennion, Shannon Randall, Michelle Madsen, Jason Law, Natalie Watts, Lori Allen,

Budget= Lori Allen

-Only two expenses last month and two grants. We paid \$2000 toward the 3-d printer for art and Mr. Grant paid for the rest.

Minutes= Jennifer Kleinman

– Approve PTA minutes: Natalie Watts motioned to approve the minutes, Michelle Madsen 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote was unanimous in approval

Newsletter = Natalie

-Just send her anything you need in the newsletter

#### Past Events

1/13 Lunchtime Activity = Robyn Bennion

-They did a Hawaii day with slushies and they loved it. Next time will just be games.

1/25 Officer Barney Procession = it was a great showing from the school. The students made a banner.

1/29 Top Dog honor roll. Natalie says over 500 kids were on high and honor roll.

2/5 Dance. Good feedback. The kids would like food. They talked about food, drinks or balloons but it would be hard to not have the make a mess. A few kids came and danced the entire time and loved it. Many kids gathered around kids with special needs and cheered for them as they danced. The kids at the dance made a huge line to request songs so they thought of doing requests the few days before. Darcy did it for free so the dance was free. There were no slow songs. Mr. Grant said a bunch of Evergreen kids came. They think about 400 kids came.

2/8 & 2/9 PT Conference Dinners – A group of parents helped at Granite Park

#### Upcoming Events

2/24 Lunchtime Activity

2/26 PTA Day at the Capital \$15 and PTA can pay. This is chance to find out about current issues. It is hard to find teachers. We need to invest more in teaching. The average educator spends 3 years in the system and moves on to something else. There is a bill to raise the income for starting teachers. We need to recruit new young teachers. Mr. Grant is a recruiter for the district and has a lot of experience

with this. A beginning teacher starts out at about \$34,000. It's desperate. His daughter graduates with a math degree and only 5 of her graduating class will go on to teach.

5/26 Lagoon Day and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Party – Melissa and Dayna. Wednesday we will hand out yearbooks. They can charge \$5 for the party. There are 280 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Principal Report

They are researching the security cameras. The school will spend \$5000 and PTA can kick in too. They want more surveillance.

### Open Forum

Jennifer Kleinman brought up concern about the rose and candy delivery during Valentines week. It hurts kids' feelings. Mr. Grant brought up the pro of having a teaching moment to look for the kids who need some recognition. Suggestions were made to shorten the week to 2-3 days not an entire week. Also maybe do something cheaper like heart cards or less expensive candy/items.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

