

Ainsworth PTA Meeting Minutes 1/20/17 @ 8:15 AM PST

In attendance:

Denni Edlund, Anna Short, Korey Schafer, Lynn Brown, Sarah Schubert, Kara Stone

1) **Home Tour/Garden Tour:** Trying to decide if we are going to continue to have home tour in December because of 4 years of weather related issues. Maybe we need to have just garden tour. Trying to decide. Another Garden Tour in June? We are short in the budget due to not being able to do Home Tour. Rummage sale to make up for lost revenue? No home tour this year - not rescheduled.

2) **Refund Policy (Home Tour):** People who bought ads in the brochure for Home Tour need to be compensated for lost visibility due to the weather cancellation. Maybe give them a space in the Red Ball booklet. For ticket holders we will give refunds if they ask for them. We need to make sure there is no ill will in the community. We do need to explain the loss to the school as well so they might be more understanding of the cancellation and not demand refunds. What percentage are outside people and which are Ainsworth families. Maybe refund by giving a free garden tour ticket in the summer. Offer advertisers a credit in the garden tour brochure. Four options for ad refunds: Red ball brochure, garden tour brochure, refund, or signage at future school events like Fiesta/Art Fair.

3) **Status of Evening PTA meetings:** Revisit night PTA - some parents really appreciate the night PTA meetings. We don't want to eliminate working parents if they are interested in attending. One idea is for one of the board members to come at night and answer questions for any parents who do come in for the night meetings. Sarah volunteered to do this. Parents need to have more explained to them about the PTA and Foundation differences and when the meetings are and what goes on at the meetings. Maybe a 5 minute talk to kinder classes at the beginning of the year or at Open House. Stick with Feb meeting with just Sarah, March normal PTA night, May another meeting with just one board member. Next year we need to assess which days/nights are the most populated with parents.

4) **Art Fair/Science Fair:** Naomi and Cara are doing science fair.

5) **Daddy Daughter dance:** Who is chairing? Donate money to Foundation. \$25 per person. Next fall - Red Ball party; Anna and Natalie maybe co-chair

6) **Gear Sales:** Pens and pencils in the office available for purchase. Put pens, pencils, Frisbees, and water bottles in the office. Give teachers a pen and a water bottle for free. Need to store gear in office locked closet. For web sales - order online, pull it, and set aside for kids to pick up. Need bags for gear sales from Cash n'Carry.

7) **Coin Drive:** Pig coin drive brought in \$5000.

8) **Oregon PTA Training:** Online training to learn about officer roles and various aspects of PTA membership. Need three volunteers to do classes. Portland PTA asked to have a spot on the search committee for superintendent and for boundary issues.

9) **Talent Show:** Postponing Talent show to April - date not chosen yet. Need to look at the calendar to make sure there are no conflicts. Forms that go out to kids need to go out soon. Mid-feb for forms.

10) **Snow/ice clean up:** Ainsworth was in bad shape on the first day back compared to the middle schools - dangerous conditions and PPS is responsible for school ground clean up after storms. Won't allow parents to clean up because of liability but liability is worse if kids get hurt on grounds.

11) **Kris:** Festival of lights - Jan.31st - activities for kids inside and in green space- gear sales connect to kindergarten on 2/01.