

Snoqualmie Valley PTSA Council 2.18
General Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., District Building

Proper notice was given to all members and a quorum was present. For a list of the attendees, see the Sign-In Sheet that follows these minutes.

I. Welcome & Introductions: Cathy Renner, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2009 General Mtg.: Cathy Templin made a motion that the minutes from the September 21, 2009 General Meeting be approved as written and Deborah Doy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

III. Reflections Awards Presentation: Sue Korol, Co-Vice President: “Beauty is ...” was the theme of this year’s Reflections Program. Sue Korol recognized the artwork around the room that the students submitted. All students who participated in the Reflections Program received a certificate of participation. Sue Korol announced the names of these students and presented those students in attendance with a certificate of participation. Sue then announced the names of the students whose work Council sent into the WSPTA Reflections Program. Council submitted 24 student entries into the state competition, broken down into the following categories: Literature, photography, and visual arts. This year only CVES and SES participated in the Reflections Program and Sue Korol stated that it is hoped that more schools will participate next year.

IV. Treasurer’s Report: Laurie Edwards, Treasurer: The Treasurer’s Books were on hand and available for review. Laurie announced that all local unit membership fees have been collected and sent into the WSPTA.

V. Public Comment: Five minute limits per person: A representative of the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital Foundation announced that a Community Education Forum on the subject of Youth Prescription Drug Abuse will be held at MSHS on February 24, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. Rob McKenna, the Washington State Attorney General, will be the guest speaker at the Forum. Prescription drugs are the leading cause of drug-related deaths. A brochure on the Forum was available for distribution.

David Spring announced that a series of meetings will be held to discuss how to improve funding for the Snoqualmie Valley Schools. Mr. Spring distributed a flyer on the subject and encouraged anyone who is concerned about school funding to attend one of these meetings.

VI. President’s Report: Cathy Renner and Ahn Lee Horn (5 min)

-Presidents’ & Principals’ Workshop: Cathy announced that this workshop was very constructive and worthwhile for the attendees and she thanked everyone who came

to the workshop. The notes from the break out sessions have been distributed and all attendees should have received them via email. The email also has a link to a survey on the workshop that everyone is urged to take so the workshop can be made even better next year.

-Storage Units for Local Units: Ahn Lee said that local units asked Council to look into what storage options are available for unit paperwork and records. Ahn Lee researched the issue and came up with four really good options, as listed on a handout distributed to all members. The storage unit information is also on the Council website. Ahn Lee explained that local units cannot share storage space under Council auspices but that Council thought it would be useful to collect and distribute the storage unit options for the local units.

VII. Vice-Presidents' Report: Liz Piekarczyk (5 min)

-100% Trained Awards and Membership Awards Presentation: This year, to encourage PTA and the Law attendance, Council decided to give an award to any local unit board with 100% attendance at PTA and the Law. It is recommended that board members attend this seminar every two years. This year, the local units' board attendance at this seminar was way up from past years. Two units were presented with the 100% Trained Award: OES and SES.

-Golden Acorn Award Information: Jeff Doy, Betsy Evensen and Carolyn Simpson are the members of the Golden Acorn Committee (last year's winners). This award is to recognize district-wide volunteer work. Nomination forms were distributed. The winners each receive a pin and the Council donates \$65 to the WSPTA scholarship program for each award given. The deadline for nominations is April 15 and the awards will be announced at the May 24, 2010 Council General Membership meeting. The nomination forms are also available on the Council website.

VIII. Committee Reports

-Nominating: Jeff Doy reported that the Nominating Committee is looking to fill two Council officer positions for next year: Co-President and Co-Vice-President. The Committee has some names but can still accept more nominations until early March. The Committee is planning to post the recommended slate of officer in mid-March and the election will take place at the March 29, 2010 General Meeting.

-Membership: Ahn Lee Horn announced that the following schools earned the Bronze Award, which is given to a unit that has 50% of its prior year's membership enrolled by September 30: CVES, FCES, NBES, SES, CKMS, SMS, MSHS. The Silver Award is presented to local units that have a 5% increase in membership by October 28. The Silver Award was presented to CVES.

-Legislative: Rebecca Russell: Rebecca announced that the next year's proposed state budget contains another \$500 million in budget cuts to education. This means that SVSD could lose \$1.7 million in funding in addition to the \$3.5 million in funding it lost last year. This could mean a loss 25 teachers total or an average of 2.5 per school. Rebecca reminded the group that our voices are very important and that we should all write, call or make an appointment to see our representatives to protest these cuts.

-Focus Day: Rebecca said that 900 people attended this year's Focus Day in Olympia, which is twice as many as last year. The theme of this year's Focus day was "Cuts hurt kids."

IX. New Business

-SVSF Educator of the Year Award Nominations: Cheryl Duncan announced that these nominations are due on February 1, 2010. Nomination forms were distributed.

-Parent Education Seminars: Lorraine Thurston of CVES PTSA announced that Julie Metzger, RN, MN, will conduct two parent seminars on February 8, 2010 and March 18, 2010. Fliers were distributed with the seminars' details. The CVES PTSA and the PTSA Council are sponsoring these seminars, which are open to the entire district.

X. District Report: Don McConkey, Asst. Superintendent

-Long Term Facilities Planning: Don McConkey presented the two models the SVSD School Board is considering to ensure sufficient capacity at the high school level after the next 4-5 years. Under current projections, there will be a lack of capacity at MSHS beginning in 2013/14.

The first model the School Board is considering is the Satellite Campus Model, which would result in MSHS annexing SMS in the fall of 2013. A new middle school would be built on Snoqualmie Ridge under this model. It is estimated that this option would cost \$50 million.

The second model the School Board is considering is a Remodel/Re-modernization-Expansion of MSHS. Under this scenario, a second story would be added to MSHS, which would add 800-900 to MSHS' capacity by 2014. It is hoped that this will provide enough capacity at the high school level through 2020. The estimated cost of this option is from \$99-104 million, with \$60 million of this number attributable to the remodel piece.

These options were discussed and Mr. McConkey answered questions from the audience. Mr. McConkey said that the School Board will use the following criteria to make its final decision: 1. Financial realities; 2. Geographical realities; 3. What is best for the kids at all grade levels; 4. What option best aligns with enrollment projections; 5. Long-term sustainability; and 6. Political realities.

The timeline for the School Board's decision is as follows: The LTFP recommendation is due to the School Board by February 11, 2010. The Board will hold a public hearing on the issue on February 25, 2010. The Board is expected to take action on the LTFP recommendation by March 11, 2010, with a bond being presented to the electorate in February of 2011.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.