

PTO 2/17/15

Parents: 14

Teachers: 0

Eileen Nittler visited. She is running for 4J board. (<https://www.facebook.com/enfsb>) She has two kids at North Eugene, graduating this year. She has been very involved since they were young, in every capacity. Mentors middle and high school now. Works with STAND for CHILDREN. She doesn't feel that parents are heard by district. She is a social worker by trade, so she knows about the importance of good listening and better communication. She feels the district needs to listen to understand and explain why tough decisions are made. Validate changes. Rebuild some of the trust.

Concerns and/or questions that we want her to address: Nutrition program . Sodexo has said a lot of good things, but there is no follow through. Want 4J to operate its own nutrition program. Better safeguards about healthier foods and local procurement. Not enough transparency in the whole nutrition process. There is a charge to even view the food service contract.

Better collaboration between schools.

More educational opportunities for parents.

Documents from district to send to PTO.

PTO roles. Parent Teacher Organization which is parent group that is for everyone with kids at Camas. We are not our own non profit. Not a charter of a national organization. Not binding. Guidelines were put together because we wanted to be our own non-profit at one time, but it hasn't happened. PTO raises funds but site council gets to decide how it is spent. Co-Facilitator signs on for three years. First year in the wings, second year, leads meeting and the 3rd year is more of an advisory role. We only have 3 more meetings this school year. Need to fill all the positions.

Secretary. Notes go to FB group and the website.

Fundraising coordinator. Manages the fundraisers. We are always asking for money, but we need it. 100% for staffing for the next year. Doesn't have to be in charge of each one, just to oversee and keep track of how much money was raised.

Volunteer coordinator.

Classroom liaison. Set up in the beginning of the year. If you are enrolled, we assume that the school can contact you.

Friday folder volunteers. We don't send anything paper based anymore. We need people to do it.

Treasurer Diane.

150 people on the PTO newsletter distribution but 357 or so get direct mail from Tom. Only half the amount of people know what's going on with the PTO. We need to work on communication.

There are lots of other jobs, but we need people to do these jobs.

Site Council makes the decisions at school.. Administration(Tom), classified (Diane) , teachers (3) and parents (3). Parents and teachers each can't make up more than half the group. There is a decision making grid, shows how all decisions get made and who makes them. Admin, teachers, PTO, students, district, etc. Program changes go through site council, advised by administration and by teachers. PTO raises the money and site council approves it. Extra \$20K for field trips, project, storytelling, some music, etc. The rest is for additional staffing.

More of a Site council presence at PTO. Notes. Maybe a spreadsheet, how much money , minutes from Diane. Can we get those things?

Teachers could give information/issues to a parent who would bring it to PTO.

Jess is taking over the parent garden coordinator.

Still figuring out what will happen in full time kindergarten. What about CT and projects? Lots of logistics to work out.

The kids don't have enough time to eat. It's especially a problem for Camas with 4 lunch sessions due to tiny cafeteria. Send an email to the 4J board.

Thursday is Smarter Balance meeting at SEHS at 7pm. ECEBM is 4J testing. Common Core is federal testing.

Wednesday 5:30-6:30 Safe Routes to school. @ Spencer Butte middle school. Bring all schools together.

There will be a PTA for all of South Eugene. Table topics and switching. Like "speed dating", but with topics.

Dr. Seuss dress up day is March 2. Book exchanges are going to happen. Each kid can exchange two books. Bring one or two books to trade, any extra will go toward donations for those who can't bring a book. ALL children will go home with books.

Restaurant of the month. Paddock netted about \$200. Gusto was \$175.

March 11 and 12. Dickie Joes. April Bill & Tims. May is Falling Sky. Will try and schedule Yogurt Extreme for summer.