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- I. **CALL TO ORDER 6:33**
 - II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approval of February 13, 2018 meeting minutes - Motion passed unanimously
 - III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - A. Addition of "Art Lit" under presidents report
 - B. Motion to accept approved unanimously
 - IV. **GUESTS**
 - A. *Donna Tyner, Representative of the Beaverton School Board*
 - 1. Due to boundary changes schools have been reassigned. Donna is the new representative assigned to Beaver Acres
 - 2. Her goal is to try to make one PTO meeting per year and one school visit once per year to stay connected.
 - 3. Stacey reports to board but it helps for reps to see the school.
 - 4. Levy renewal coming up as well.
 - a) It supports 300 teachers in the district.
 - b) Board has been fundraising for the campaign.
 - c) Levy will be on the may ballot
 - 5. Donna has had two sons go through Beaverton School District and both are in college now.
 - 6. This will be her 5th year on the board and she is in her 2nd term.
 - 7. She is happy to answer and questions anyone has concerning the school board.
 - B. *Brenda Lewis, Beaverton School District*
 - 1. Brenda supervises 17 elementary schools.
 - 2. It was brought to her attention that parents are seeking clarity on after school and enrichment programs. So she decided to sit in on our meeting and answer any questions we had.
 - 3. The School Board is seeking better clarity and communications with schools and parents.
 - C. *Katie Riley, Washington County Kids*
 - 1. Washington County Kids is a coalition of individuals and organizations seeking funding for out of school programs.
 - 2. She would like to schedule a conversation for the Beaver Acres parents at the school if possible.
 - V. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Stacy Geale**
 - A. Administration is happy with the cookie dough fundraiser so far. Things seem to be going smoothly.
 - B. Bus issues have been going on this week. The school lost one bus so students are being split into two other busses which is causing adjustments with students .
 - C. Shine (Please see extended notes at the end of the minutes)

VI. TEACHERS' REPORT - Sara Bryant

- A. A big thank you to the PTO and parents for the wonder "breakfast for dinner" dinner during conferences. The teachers really appreciated it.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A. TREASURER'S REPORT - Jennifer Lieb

- 1. Budget vs Actual nothing changed from last month, waiting to see what cookie dough brings in.
- 2. Venmo
 - a) some research has shown other PTOs using this method. Jennier is looking into using this payment sharing program for Beaver Acres.
- 3. Bingo
 - a) Extra flyers will be provided for placement around the community
 - b) Also seeking more prize donations. PTO has the letters to provide vendors when asking for donations

B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Jeanie Zamarripa-Lee

- 1. Book Fair
 - a) Volunteers needed.
 - b) Committee will be assembled in the near future
 - c) PTO will host 2 family nights during the book fair
- 2. Big Kahuna
 - a) Online sales are currently just over \$5000 which is trending to be more than last year.
 - b) Stackimal incentives are working to keep kids excited.
 - c) PTO will have a table and info at movie night to seek additional sales
- 3. Box Tops
 - a) Volunteer who has been running the program is stepping down
 - b) New volunteer needed to help us get to our goal (\$1000) for the year, if not surpass it.
- 4. Dining Night Out
 - a) Papa's Pizza March 14th
 - (1) This is the 5th grades fundraiser to help raise money for their end of year field trip.
 - (2) It will take place all day.
 - (3) Show the flyer or digital image of it to get credit for our school
 - b) Red Robin April 4th
 - (1) This will be the Red Robin at Tanasbourne.
 - (2) This will be the last DNO for the year.

C. VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Jessica Giberson

- 1. Call To Action: Volunteers Needed
 - a) Big Kahuna
 - (1) Cookie Dough Distribution April 19
 - (a) Seeking 3-4 volunteers per shift

- (2) Money Counting March 20th
 - (a) Currently have two volunteers signed up.
 - (b) PTO is hoping for 15 per shift.
- b) Movie Night - March 16th
 - (1) Need more help with the 7-9pm shift
- c) Dance and carnival are coming up as well.
 - (1) Will need volunteers
- d) Arts 4 Smarts
 - (1) Need help at the PTO table to help with the May 18th Carnival booth sign-ups

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Heather Jespersen

- 1. Spring Dance - April 6th
 - a) A parent, Teresa, has graciously stepped up to chair the dance
 - b) There are 8-10 volunteers on the committee, someone is assigned to everything needed
 - c) Mr. H, PE Teacher, is creating the 2 hour playlist.
 - d) Cathy Wilson, a parent, has donated her time and supplies for photography
 - e) Jeanie Zamarripa-Lee's sister Anna, will lead kids in a few fun group dances
 - f) Sonja is working to get a few food trucks for the evening, including Momo's Ice
 - g) Several parents have agreed to work on decorations
 - h) Committee is proposing a FREE online registration to keep track of how many will be attending the dance. Registration is not mandatory but it will give us some idea of how many to expect so numbers do not exceed safety limits.
- 2. Board Elections
 - a) Every position is open for elections. We would love to add more members to our team.
- 3. Art Lit
 - a) Our school Art Lit Coordinator has to step down.
 - b) Heather met with the Beaverton School District Art Lit Coordinator, Jill Bogle and we have a plan moving forward to get us through this year.
 - c) The BSD Art Lit Coordinator will take the responsibility of getting volunteers and managing the remaining lessons. She will teach the next lesson to the parent volunteers in the evening to help get them comfortable with the lesson and ensure the lesson is taught consistently to all grades.
 - d) We will be working to break down the steps to make things clearer to parents who could potentially volunteer. This needs a specific type of volunteer that is needed for Art Lit and can be intimidating to new volunteers.

VIII. OPEN FORUM

- A. Litsa DeCoster, Boy Scouts of America
 - 1. Boy Scouts is trying to bring a program to Beaver Acres.
 - 2. They need the PTOs help to get the word out and gauge interest.
 - 3. The program is now family friendly
 - 4. Litsa will be back next meeting to go into more details.

IX. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A. TOPICS

1. Carnival
2. Teacher Appreciation Week
3. Bingo

X. Meeting Adjourned 7:44

XI. EXTENDED NOTES ON SHINE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

A. Stacy and Donna

1. We are at the end of the SHINE 5-year grant.
2. Stacy has met with Brenda and Impact NW concerning SHINE and after school programs.
3. SHINE management is unsure about it's future at Beaver Acres.
4. The school's Title 1 funding has paid partially for the shine academic classes (facility expenses).
 - a) Title 1 budget for the school is being cut.
 - b) Poverty percentages are declining at Beaver Acres: 14 years ago they were 69-70%. They are now down to near 60%. This leads to a reduction in funding.
 - c) Title 1 federal dollars are passed through all schools based on poverty level in a lump sum with guidelines for what they can be used for.
 - d) Many schools have used these funds for extended day tutoring in reading/math and transportation. Beaver Acres partnered with SHINE's academic program and then SHINE also offered enrichment classes.
 - e) With the reduction in dollars, the district allocation will be smaller.
5. District will be funding a Student Success Coach position for every school.
 - a) The Student Success Coach will help manage students with difficult behaviors.
 - b) All schools will receive a part time Student success coach (.5 FTE)
 - c) Title 1 schools will be allocated an additional .5 FTE so they will have a full time student success coach. This will cost \$800k.
6. \$200k will also be set aside to support 4 Title 1 schools receiving an early learning/preschool program. Beaver Acres will not be one of those schools.
7. Stacy and Brenda met with Amy from Impact NW (SHINE).
 - a) The application for shine funding should be out any time and it will then be known how much funding is needed.
 - b) Currently it appears they will not be able to fund the full enrichment program.
 - c) Amy will get in touch when the application emerges.
 - d) For now there seem to be a lot of "what ifs"
8. There are also Beaver Acres facility use charges, which SHINE has been previously dismissed from when Beaver Acres used Title 1 funds for the academic program.
 - a) Every outside organization must pay for using the building.
 - b) Every classroom that is used is \$20 per hour plus custodial and monitoring fees.
 - c) Facilities is saying that if we are not able to be in partnership with SHINE due to no Title 1 funds, then SHINE must sustain the cost of those fees.
9. As far as Stacy can predict at this time, SHINE will not be an option going forward.

- a) She will look at other options but they may be tuition based or off site.
- B. Question (Ticey, parent) - I am new to PTO and have 3 kids. Is SHINE need based or what are the qualifications for the grant?
- 1. Answer (Donna/Brenda) - Funding comes from 21st Century Grant dollars I am unsure of how it is distributed. The Shine program is only in Title 1 schools so it may be need based.
- C. Question (Ticey) - Other counties have huge fundraisers that raise money for underrepresented areas. Does Washington County have this?
- 1. Answer (Katie) - The City of Portland put the Portland Children's measure on the ballot years ago. It has been passed and renewed twice since then. The last two times 60% of voters were in favor of the levy. The money is allocated to "Sun Schools". Through that program non profits put in proposals to run after school programs. Proposals are reviewed by volunteers and approved by committee. Washington County has not been able to procure similar funding.
 - 2. Washington County Kids was founded by part of the county commission on children and families to figure out how to obtain sustainable funding. Attempts to put measure on the ballot have failed.
 - a) They are sponsored by Impact NW
 - 3. Polling, funded by Meyer Memorial Trust, showed a large number interested in a tax measure. Signatures were collected to get on the ballot but the group was informed that only the Board of County Commissioners could put a money measure on the ballot, which they declined to do.
 - 4. Another grant by Meyer Memorial Trust is allowing Washington County Kids to connect with parents and communities on what is needed in Washington County.
 - a) What do families need/want most?
 - b) They want to stay in touch with members of the community and feedback.
 - c) Katie brought a signup sheet for those interested in staying up to date.
 - 5. Research data indicates that there is a major need for affordable quality care for small children
 - a) Many families have to use unlicensed providers due to cost.
 - b) In terms of after school care - only 28% of kids of afterschool age are served.
 - c) Only 9% are served by summer programs.
 - d) Research shows kids in lower classes, with no access to summer programs, fall 3 years behind their peers by 5th grade.
 - e) Mid and upper class children can take trips and add enrichment, whereas those not financially stable do not have the same opportunity.
- D. Question (Donna) - Does Beaverton City Council have the same restrictions as Washington County? Can this be done in Beaverton in lieu of Washington County as most of the schools are in the Beaverton City Council district? (Note: Beaver Acres is not)
- 1. Answer (Kaie) - Per the Mayor of Beaverton, the city has other priorities. There was already a proposed public safety funding levy and the city did not want competition for

that. Beaverton City Council has the same restriction on money measures as the county. A proposal for special districts were also shut down.

- E. Question (Brenda) - Washington County Elections are coming up for a new chair. Is there a way to connect with front runners on this issue?
 - 1. Answer (Katie) - Yes, both are supportive but they must get elected first and neither has signed off in support of this issue.
- F. The Law says we cannot, as a community, get a petition signed to get a money measure on the ballot. The county commissioner must put it on the ballot to be voted on, but commissioners are not currently supporting/focusing on/willing to do this so voters can have a say in this decision.
 - 1. From a public health view, prevention is more important than picking up the pieces later.
- G. Question (Ticey) - What can we do on a larger scale (rather than pressuring the Beaver Acres principal)? Why is Portland able to do this, but not Washington County? How does Hillsboro have this and Washington County/Beaverton doesn't?
 - 1. Answer (Katie) - Raising funds without a tax levy is difficult. Fundraisers are hard to maintain every year. Grants run out and need to be renewed after a set number of years
 - 2. We are still looking at the prospect of a tax levy but there needs to be more communication with those interested.
 - 3. This is not going to be solved in the near future. It will have to be done over time
 - 4. Washington County Kids would like to host a community conversation at Beaver Acres and invite those from the community to speak on their wants/needs.
 - 5. Hillsboro fundraises which is then used for small grants
 - 6. Beaverton Education Foundation has some funding which is used for small programs and summer programs. (Beaverton Education Foundation includes Aloha).
- H. Question (Ticey) - What can we do to sustain what we currently have on-site in our community? It keeps our children safe. It's a good program for kids to stay onsite, be around fellow classmates, learn different things. We don't know what else to do aside from putting pressure on the school.
 - 1. Answer (Katie) - Coming here and saying what you need helps put pressure. Allowing a community conversation can help.
- I. (Parent) - We are feeling no love here. We are feeling ignored after researching that Portland has in place to support Multnomah county.
 - 1. (Katie) - This is why we have formed the coalition supported by individuals and organizations, Oregon Ask. We are trying to help so that if we can all work together we can make progress. We think that Impact NW (SHINE) has a very good track record. Odds are they will get a good score and hopefully get funded. There are other schools/places trying to get funds too. Forest Grove is also in the 5th year of their 21st Century Grant.

- J. (Heather) - SHINE has been wonderful. The only downside is that it is limited to how many students it can serve. It's highly competitive and many kids are being turned away. We need something, even if it tuition based on a sliding scale to include more families. Heather and Jennifer will set a meeting with SHINE about sliding scale opportunities. No formal assessment done has ever been for the parents about after school programs. This would be helpful too.
- K. (Ticey) - I think a lot of parents would prefer on site, safe place. We trust the school. Even if it costs us, it's still beneficial.
- L. (Katie) - In surveying other places that provide programs, from all over the state. For profit programs in Bethany cost \$250/week. THPRD is \$250/month. Hillsboro is \$140/month. Boys and Girls Club (who fundraises) costs \$25 annually but more in the summer for additional programs.
1. We are trying to get more info on how much these programs actually cost. If there were a property tax levy. How many programs can we fund? Initial cost estimate is that we could ask \$.35/1000 of home value which amounts to around \$94 annually per average homeowner. Fund would be about \$21 million for the county.
 2. We are talking about this county but due to gaps (Gaston, North Plains, etc) a lot of kids having nothing in those areas. An afterschool program at every school in the county was the estimate, but some schools wouldn't need it, or would have other reasons not to participate.
- M. Question (Jennifer) - Does Beaver Acres have a plan in place for a tuition based program next year?
1. Answer (Stacy) - That would be based on an organization and we don't know about anything currently.
- N. (Katie)- In Cornelius the YMCA will have a program in the new library to help with after school. Impact NW may be willing to do another tuition based program.
- O. Question (Ticey) - Let's say no one applies for the SHINE grant. Would Impact NW go to Stacy or Beaver Acres with options? Or is it parent led? I'm trying to understand who does what and how to help.
1. Answer - (Brenda) - Programs are contracted through the business office as the school wouldn't be able to make a contract. If you have service providers, they would make a proposal including costs, liability, and tuition.
- P. Next Steps
1. PTO will set up a meeting with SHINE concerning other programs we have heard of. Parents can do research as well.
 2. Having a community conversation at Beaver Acres facilitated by Katie
 3. There are 2 people running for county commission and Beaverton City council. Parents and members of the community can write to them and tell their story and what their needs are.

4. We are West Washington County District 4. If you like a particular candidate and they support this issue you can support them in their election.
5. (Donna) Voice to local politicians that this issue is important. If a number of people approach them and send emails they can listen. Share your stories of why how this issue impacts you and what they can do to help solve it. It's a drop in the bucket of their budget and can have a large impact on the community. Go to a county commissioner meeting and city council meeting and talk to them about how important this issue is.
 - a) Dick Schouten is the representative for this area. He is not currently running for reelection, and he is already supportive.
6. Can contact THPRD reps about after school programs. Tuition based programs run about \$250/month.