

RAAPO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Present:

Mrs. Arnold
Rachel Ramsey
Jon Cobarrubias
Steve Mullins
Dani Stern
April Fletcher
Bekki Sorrell
Tracy Carsner
Christy Taylor
Jill Drorrrough
Susan Conger
Angela Wright
Kelly Janzen
Eugenia Terzis
Tracy Ward
Penny Kunz
Bob Littrell
Lisa Aguilar

Mrs. Arnold/Updates

Reynolds Arthur Academy (RAA) was chosen again this year for the Oregon Lottery scratch off event at the Oregon Convention Center, April 8, 2008 from 11am-1pm. This is the second time RAA has been chosen. At the previous event the school obtained approximately \$930.00 in scratch off tickets. The school will choose a person to represent RAA at the event.

Confirming Class Field Trips;

Fifth grade graduation, Wednesday, June 11, 2008. Mrs. Arnold would like to encourage the Fourth grade parents to help organize and volunteer at the graduation to free up the fifth grade families to enjoy the ceremonies.

Fifth Grade Field Trip:

Bowinkles Fun Center, June 11, 2008, \$27 per child includes 3 hours of golf, bowling, hamster wheel, go carts and more. Transportation cost (Bus) will be shared with David Douglas.

Fifth Grade:

May 8 & 9, 2008, Camp Collins. Fifth grade parents will be selling \$5.00 Papa's Pizza gift cards to help fund the overnight trip. Additional money may be requested from RAAPO if all the funds needed can not be raised through the pizza cards.

First grade,

Camp Collins for the day, Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

Second and Third Grade;

OMSI, March 21, 2008.

Fourth Grade;

Music Theater Production, Bodology.

Total money requested for all field trips: \$2,600.00

Programs coming up;

Art classes are scheduled for the end of the year. Students will help to paint and decorate the school grounds and buildings with colorful murals and other items. Students will participate in all the design work.

Third Grade

Glass Art 3 sessions.

Mad Science and OMSI, Mrs. Arnold is working on setting up those programs.

Currently the school is working on the Third thru Fifth Grade testing every afternoon.

Clean-up day,

The school had a good turn out for clean-up day on February 23. The grounds have been dry without rain, once the weather becomes wet the grounds will be evaluated at that time to see if further work is needed.

Roof work was completed last week.

Parking Lot will be re-striped in the following weeks. They were painted in the past few months but because of the wet weather the paint did not take well and has been washed away. The Redo charge is \$350 but Mrs. Arnold will look into the cost since the timing of the striping was required by the fire codes and non-negotiable.

Long Term Projects;

Student Cougar Awards for good behavior. Student would receive a good merit award when caught doing good. Students could have their name placed on award walls or other such ideas. Mrs. Arnold hopes to start this type of program for the next school year (September 2008).

Parent surveys will be evaluated at the April RAAPO meeting. Only four surveys were returned at this time.

Music program information will be placed in the March newsletter. The program is scheduled to be held at the Greater Gresham Baptist Church.

Field Day, Thursday, June 12, 2008, will be discussed at the March RAAPO meeting.

Mrs. Arnold discussed the phases of the playground. The pieces of equipment can be purchased individually or in bulk. The company gives a better price for more items purchases at one time. Phase 2 = \$15,000, Phase 3 = 12,000 and Phase 4, 12,000. Anyone wishing to view the phase boards can see Mrs. Arnold.

Book Fair,

April 8 thru April 11. Volunteers still needed. Please sign up on the RAAPO bulletin board or talk to April Fletcher.

Spring Carnival;

Reviewing possible locations;

Mt. View Christian Church

Walt Morey

Sam Cox Building – Glenn Otto Park

All three locations have tentative holds. The carnival committee will review the locations and make a discussion on the best possible space.

Tina Long sent a letter to WinCO Foods requesting food donations for the event. The letter will be resent since there has been no word back. Last year WinCo foods donated \$200.

Bob Littrell mentioned that Lynette Camp has a connection with Flying Pizza and the possibility of buying pizzas at a discounted price for the carnival. The company may be able to provide a 35% discount. Pizzas could be sectioned in 16 slices and sold for 1.50 to 2.00 per slice totaling \$35 per pizza. The approximate price for each pizza sold to the school could be \$18. It was suggested to have pizza and hot dogs instead of having to heat up the cheese for the nachos this year.

Rachel Ramsey met with Portland and Gresham AA to discuss new ideas for fund raising at the carnival. Ideas consisted of; balloon bouquets with prices to be sold and class projects.

Portland AA offered to rent a full size bounce house to the RAA for \$25.00.

Dayna Brown would like to add more games this year to help cut down on line times.

Jill Dorrough and Jen Card will let volunteers know when they are ready to ensemble the gift baskets. Volunteers will be needed to help package donated items together in fun, presentable gift baskets for the raffle.

A list of all donations will be given to the RAAPO secretary to send out thank you letters after the event.

Jill Dorrough will make up fliers to send home with kids regarding anyone interested in helping with donations for the gift baskets and raffles. Jill will write up a donation letter to give to businesses regarding the donations to the school for the fundraiser.

Kelly Janzen volunteered to head the decoration committee. Rachel Ramsey will contact Kelly regarding the items that were left over from last year.

Carnival committee members will need to assess any additional items needed to purchase and bring an estimate to the next meeting.

Misc. Business from January RAAPO meeting

Sign/Reader Board

Bob Littrel and Rachel Ramsey will get quote designs for the reader boards. Locations are proposed at the left side of the building or the bench structure along the pick-up/drop off area. Mrs. Arnold will review designs and make a final decision. Approximate cost \$1,000.00

Steve Mullins handed out finical reports. A copy will be posted on the RAAPO board.

Popcorn fundraiser/ Walmart

Volunteers needed for popcorn fundraiser.

Dates;

Friday, March 21

Saturday, April 19

Saturday, April 26

From 12noon to 6pm. Please contact Lisa Aguilar at 503-367-5167. Other times can be worked out as needed. Please leave a message. On average popcorn sales raise \$250-\$300 per day for the school.

Bob Littrell proposed to buy more radios and rechargeable batteries. Rachel motioned, no objections, motion passed. \$50.00

Parking lot;

Bob Littrell asked to please not drop kids off at the railing, please pull up to let kids out of cars. Bob and Mrs. Arnold will write up another parking lot rules form to send home with kids.

It was suggested that the form be required to have a parent/guardian signature and returned to the school.

Parking lot volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please contact Bob Littrell.

Next RAAPO meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at RAA. It will be a week earlier to accommodate for the spring break holiday.