

Attendees: Dr. DeWitt, Chris Knudson, Tamara Knudson, Erika Wald, Tabatha Reeves, Jeff Daniels, Cameron LaPlante, Sarah Cunningham, Matthew Antush, Amina Fields, Anastasia Hilton, Karen Dunlap, Alaina Zemke, Shawna Nicholson, Larry Pasco, Laura Pasco, Glenda Kohls, Meredith Karka, Amy Heppler, Cora Bree Hernandez, Kat Kawker, Brook Swanson, Darlena Legard, Arianne Richardson, Julia Monkman, Kevin Trum, Jennifer Alexander

- **Principal's Update (Debra)**
 - Assembly last Friday- want to work on assembly behavior- half of school is new
 - Back to School Night- will utilize OWL's next year to show people around
 - Lockers for 6th grade aren't placed well for being out in portables- looking at options
 - Exploratory meeting about exploratories next week TBD- service model
 - Working on mission and vision for Odyssey and Tessera- experts in the field came and helped work on process
- Cameron LaPlante, new band teacher, came to introduce himself and ask to beef up his music library. Previous band teacher borrowed music from other schools. We have a broad range of grades and we need music library that reflects that.
 - First Priority - Needs more access to new music to develop the music library - this takes time and money.
 - Second priority is equipment. Needs upgrades to percussion equipment in particular.
 - The district has done a good job of increasing the number of kids participating in music, but that has caused new need for more instruments throughout the city. School District in general needs more access to instrument rentals because of increase district wide in music programs, which is great, but causes scarcity of available rentals.
 - Apparently Odyssey kids cannot rent instruments from the district warehouse because of a district-wide shortage of instruments.
 - Suggestions:
 - Coordinate with parents to seek out instrument donations.
 - Look at working with grant writer volunteers to help get state and national grants to buy more instruments for Odyssey.
 - Parent Question - Is there online / kindle versions of music available?
 - Parent Question - can LaPlante make a prioritized list? We could look at total expense and raise more money or allocate more money for music if it exceeds PTG music budget line item.
- **Pizza Night-** Wednesday, October 5th- moved to Tuesday October 11th, Pizza Rita \$8 per pizza, cookies and water from Costco.
 - Pizzas from Pizza Rita cost \$8/pizza and serve ~4 people. So we will need 69-70 pizzas.
 - Need about 350 cookies – typically from Costco. Kat Hawker offered to price cookies at Skills Center (answer: \$5 per dozen).
 - Goal- to publicize the PTG

- Layout/Presentation- people will have to walk by PTG table with fliers for activities/volunteer opportunities before they get pizza, slide show will be going, donation jar toward cost, Mindy will do presentation
- Volunteers- OWL's & NJHS will help, need a few volunteers for set-up, serving, and clean-up, and to man table
- Pizza Rita coupons can be used for fundraising like box tops
- Would love to have stations that correlate with each activity that we are looking for volunteers for as well as tennis and a movie.
- Parent Mentoring Program- are we doing this?
- One parent told how at another school they setup a "Student Store" to sell pencils and stuff the kids would like to buy as another way to raise funds.
- **Budget (Erika):** \$25, 837 in Checking, \$13, 932 in Savings. Proposed budget for 2016-17 \$24,900.
 - We do not have a music budget at Libby and we are not allowed to access district instruments. Maybe we should focus our direct donation \$ toward the music department.
 - As a school we should advocate to the district that they support our school with instruments since band/strings is mandatory at Odyssey.
 - PTG asked that music department submit their wish/needs list and we will see how we can help
 - Bree asked to upgrade to next level of Sign-up Genius
 - Erika shared each line item.
- **Play-a-thon (Mindy)**
 - Table discussion until next month
- **Passive fundraising**
 - Jeff will make handouts for each passive fundraising opportunity for Parent Night. Amazon Associates yields us about 7% while Amazon Smile is only 0.05%
 - Jeff will do a passive fundraising campaign with e-mails w/links before Pizza Night
 - Suggestion- inform parents about Amazon Associate store for each grade's school supply list before school starts next year
 - E-script has been replaced by Benefit Mobile- you can buy a gift card in the store for the exact amount of your purchase.
 - Yokes is still participating if you have their community card. Fred Meyer Rewards is still sponsoring their community card.
- **Volunteer Needs :**
 - Extra-Curricular Activities
 - Tennis
 - Will have a sign-up for interest
 - Chess Club (Sarah Cunningham)
 - Sarah is glad to help if we go with Inland Chess Academy
 - Parent, Darlena Legard, would like to help coach.

- Discussion is do we do a recreation club that is low cost or bring in Inland Chess that is costly.
 - Anastasia Hilton shared that there is a group of kids who have come into Odyssey that are already playing competitively that want to bring Inland Chess to Odyssey.
 - A sign-up will go out to gauge interest.
 - Science Club
 - We need a parent to chair this club.
 - Math is Cool – 4th/5th/6th/8th
 - We need an 8th grade Math is Cool Coach
 - First Lego League (Gerald Ocker and Sarah Cunningham)
 - New parents running this club this year. More info to follow.
- Current Open PTG positions –
 - Treasurer elect – open
 - President elect – open
- **Other Business:**
 - Is choir going to happen this year? Dr. DeWitt is going to call the person who has done it in the past to see if she's interested.
- Meeting adjourned 8:06PM
- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 19, 6:00 PM