

**Philomath Middle School
Site Council 2010-2011**

**Minutes
September 9th, 2010**

Present: Nancy Thompson, Carmen Martin, Jackie Pendergrass, Steve Bell, Tom Klipfel, Amanda Andersen, Diane Crocker, Jean Chiappisi, and Lauri Lehman.

1. May minutes were approved. Carmen motioned for approval – Diane seconded.
2. Laurie Lehman stepped down as secretary. Nancy Thompson took over secretary duties. Amanda Andersen will remain the chairperson.
3. School Year so far...
 - a. Steve thought the school year started smoothly.
 - b. PMS is beginning instruction 2 minutes later to allow for more passing time in the morning. First bell rings at 8:00am and the 2nd bell rings at 8:07.
 - i. Generally positive feedback for this start.
 - c. Tom brought up the Safe Routes to School program and expressed a need for a stop sign at 19th and Applegate to allow safer crossing. It was brought up that 19th is a county road and not a city road, so difficult to monitor.
4. Back To School Night – District-wide
 - a. September 22nd at 5-7 for PMS.
 - b. The group looked over the proposed schedule that staggers all of the school times to make it easier for parents who have children at multiple schools.
 - c. Schedule will go out to all Philomath residents because the high school will have an area set up to look at the bond plans for the district and comment.
 - d. Food will be sold by the booster club in the front (west) parking lot. This will, hopefully, be a draw for the middle school.
5. School Dances.
 - a. Diane brought up the issue of 6th graders being allowed to attend more school dances. In the past, they have only come to the sock hop at the beginning of the year. Diane would like for them to attend more.
 - i. This would make them feel like they are a part of the middle school.
 - ii. Could bring in good fundraising \$\$ for the group that is sponsoring the dance.
 - iii. Mixing 6th graders with older students is a concern due to couples dancing. Parents want to keep the 6th graders “young”.
 - b. Change of time of dance from 4-6 to 5-7.
 - i. This might allow more parents to chaperone since they may be off of work at this time.
 - c. This issue will be taken to a staff meeting and discussed and will be revisited during the October Site Council meeting.

6. Academic Letters
 - a. Letters are given to students who have earned honor roll 4 times.
 - i. Letter are \$3 each.
 - ii. Possibly change to medals with lanyards at ~\$1.40 each/
 - b. The school uses 60-70 letters per year.
 - c. Laurie motioned for the letters to be replaced with medals; Amanda seconded the motion.
 - d. Money will come from the Office of the Principal rather than for student council.
7. PMS mission statement
 - a. Mission statement needs review because it is old and lengthy.
 - b. This will be revisited in November. Tom will bring examples of mission statements and present the council with ideas about how to create a mission statement.
8. The School Goals will be review in October.
9. Site Council meeting times will be from 3:15 to 4:15pm.
10. October site council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7th, at 3:15.

Adjourned: 4:10 pm