

Philomath Middle School Site Council 2009-2010 Minutes
Thursday—November 12, 2009

In attendance: Tom Klipfel, Carmen Martin, Lauri Lehman, Nancy Thompson, Steve Bell, guests – Dick Bain, Mike Panico, Susan Halliday

- A. Minutes from October 8 meeting. Discussion & approval.
 - 1. Carmen moves to accept the October 2009 minutes, Nancy seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

- B. Mike Panico
 - 1. Would like \$75 to buy incentives for teachers to remind them to hand out “high fives”.
 - 2. Lauri moves to approve the \$75 expenditure, Tom seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

- C. PSD Continuous Improvement Plan. Presentation by Susan Halliday, PMS vice-principal.
Discussion.
 - 1. Every two years, school districts are required to submit continuous improvement plans to the Oregon Department of Education. Aside from analysis of district-wide data in a variety of areas, each district must establish goals. Susan shared proposed goals for the district plan and requested input as the plan is finalized. The proposed goals are:
 - a Goal #1: All students in the Philomath School District will be competent, capable, and confident problem solvers in mathematics.
 - b Goal #2: All students in the Philomath School District are actively engaged in a positive, supportive, and safe learning community that promotes respect, trust, and responsible decision-making.
 - c Goal #3: All students in the Philomath School District will be competent, capable, and confident readers, writers, and speakers.
 - d Goals #4: The Philomath School District parents will be active participants in supporting student, school, and district success.
 - 2. The council discussed and shared input regarding the goals. The established goals for Philomath Middle School are still appropriate, fitting nicely into the scope of the district plan. Once the plan is complete, Susan will return to share the submitted district plan.

- D. Veteran's Day Assembly and Guest Author, Rick Steber. Information only.
 - 1. Veterans Day speaker was good; the whole ceremony was great and went smoothly.
 - 2. Rick Steber author was here and was entertaining and well received. \$500 was used out of donation account.
 - 3. Upcoming activities—Night at the Museum and Turkey Bingo
 - a. Night at the Museum - November 13 Eighth graders boys spend the night at the museum

- b. Night at the Museum for girls - November 20
- c. Honor roll ceremony - November 20, 8:15am
- d. Turkey Bingo – November 20, 6pm at PES

E. Career Day. Discussion of getting-the-word out and ways to solicit presenters.

1. How do we solicit presenters?
2. Used advisory time to see what type of careers and do you know anyone who does that job?
3. Should make sure we have a full cross section of jobs & careers.
4. Maybe we should provide incentives for parents or relatives who will sign up?
5. Make a flyer with contact info.

F. School goals. Brainstorm tasks for each goal. No decisions.

1. Essential learnings – What does that mean to us?
 - a. State standards – for math, reading, science, writing
 - b. Strategy – forced electives, for ex. Math XLT, make sure basic skills and math facts are enforced
 - c. Professional development

G. Next meeting date—December 10 at 3:15

H. Future agenda items?

1. Bring in school report card to discuss, PMS is satisfactory, 1/10 away from outstanding

I. Adjourned 4:24

Future agenda items:

- Continue work on school goals/tasks.
- Upkeep of library collection.