

PTO Meeting Minutes 2/9/23

*Shaun Carey/superintendent:

- We are creating an opportunity to come together to build a legacy. Something to have in place for our kids and generations to come.
 - Some of the buildings are 70+ years old
 - Our community is going through a state of growth
 - People will have the opportunity to share in the responsibility of creating new growth
 - Another 5,000+ homes will be coming into our area [in Black Diamond] that will be able to share in the responsibility of creating this new growth
 - Renton just passed a \$625 billion bond and Highline passed a \$575 million bond
 - Cost of building a new school today is right around 70 million
 - The more that a community grows (people, schools, businesses), the lower that the burden is on the citizens
 - We are trying to level out/keep a flat rate of taxes. Currently, without the bond, we pay \$2.63 per \$1,000 of assessed value compared to White River at \$4.37. This doesn't allow us to take care of our buildings and we will continue to fall into a state of disrepair
- Why so much money at one time?
- This is the right time because of the amount of growth we are seeing
 - We need it
 - We can afford it now. We won't be able to in ten years. Prices keep going up. Even if we have to delay now, We would have to ask for more next time

- In order to build a school fully, it takes 18-24 months. We would like to be able to start building right away so that we can get kids into schools that are closer to where they live.
- JJ Smith and Kibler are currently combined. They would be rebuilt as two separate schools but would share some assets such as the gym, cafeteria, etc.
- JJ Smith will likely be renamed "Early Learning Center"
- There is a provision available through King County that allows for some 65+ fixed income residents to be exempt if they qualify
- we anticipate other districts asking voters for money come November. Orting currently has a bond on the ballot
- In 2015, we collected 68 million but had asked for 86 million so the stadium had to fall off the project list. They expected "state match" money and didn't get it. We want to make sure we are asking for the amount we need so we can get done what we have planned
- ESD Website has a Bond section with resources

- Jess makes a motion to approve meeting minutes from 1/5/23. Andy seconds

- Yearbook update - Steph:

*no yearbook update. Megan Fouch will be taking over yearbook next year

- Treasurer report - Steph:

*Updated discussed Dollar amounts on budget from last year

*Spent money on Cheddar Up card reader, 100th Day of school handouts, Book It assembly, Candy grams (and we got a partial refund) and a Bond donation of \$510

*Donation for FM rewards

*Cheddar Up has a "general donation" button on the website

*Candy grams are still ongoing

*Hot cocoa day will be donated by the PTO

*Monday Munchies

*Website was built

*office update - still a little money left

*big spirit wear check went out

*yearbook money coming in

Principal's report - Andy:

*Week after mid winter break is "Read across America" week. We will be bringing back the cake decorating contest. Cakes will be on display Thursday during the day and in the evening for Literacy Night,

*\$400 line item for Literacy night?

*Book Fair will also be that week

* 100th Day will be Monday, the 13th

- Sign waving for Bond on 13th/14th
- Classified staff appreciation - Mocha Motion
- Have Bea get sign ups for the book fair
- Sign Up Genius needs to come back
- STEAM Night was kind of a flop

*No supervision

*Things weren't "taken apart"...Moreso destroyed

*High schoolers showed up late

- Candy Grams and 100th day underway
- Monday Munchies going good. Haven't had a volunteer since early December
- Shell setup with Squad Locker. Working on logo with vendor. Moving away from old vendor
- Art show during Talent show?
- Megan will help Haley with Backpack program

Adjourn at 5:45