

Howard Elementary PTO Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday September 18th, 2018
Howard Elementary School Gym
6:00 PM

1. Principal Report

- **No Wayback Night** at this time - will be removed from schedule.
- **Safe Oregon** – report a tip or find out additional information when there is a threat such as bullying, violence, drugs, or harm to a school or student.
- **Enrollment** is currently 475 students at Howard Elementary – 25 kids below projection. What this means: smaller class sizes. Howard typically adds kids as the year goes on.
- **Pause parking reminders** – stay in car, pull forward, don't stop on crosswalk, get out on sidewalk side, always yield at sidewalks and crosswalks, use alternate transportation if you can avoid driving.
- **Illegal parking on Grove St.** – do not park on sidewalks. Community working on “NO PARKING” signage.
- **Social media** – Follow Howard Elementary School on:
 - Facebook - [@4jhoward](#)
 - Instagram - [4jhoward](#)
 - Twitter - [@howardschool](#)
- **Suggestions** for Principal Chinn
 - Add school times to the bottom of the Howard Elementary Website.
 - Post Principal's Report with PTO minutes.

2. 4J Schools Bond - Guest speakers Milgra Tyler and Sabrina Gordon joined us to raise awareness to vote yes on 4J Bond measure on November 2018 ballot.

- **What bonds CAN DO** – repair and maintain infrastructure.
- **What bonds CANNOT DO** – pay for teachers, pay operating costs, lower class sizes.
- **4J School District found a billion dollar of need.**
- **What The Bond is proposed to cover:**
 - Building a new North Eugene High School is in the Bond proposal. This means a possible relocation of Corridor Elementary School. Make access to sports more equitable for boys and girls by adding a girls' softball field.
 - Two new elementary schools in the South region.
 - Add onto Gilham Elementary School.
 - Needed Safety updates will be completed on buildings.
- **4j stays on or below budget and completes projects on time.**
- **Impact on Taxpayers** - Home owners will see a raise in property taxes of \$135.00 for a year, about \$11.00 dollars per month.

- **Misconception** – There may be an assumption that district will make these updates if the bond does not pass. Unfortunately improvements will not be possible without bond.
- **No known updates** - Kelly Middle School. Kelly received new track from last bond.
- **K-8 iPads** – Moving toward using the same device the whole way through kindergarten to eight grade. Currently rolled out to Kelly Middle School in an effort to support tech access at Howard Elementary.
- **Spread the word to your neighbors** - **Canvas Door to Door Dates**
 - September 22, 2018
 - October 6, 2018
 - October 13, 2018
 - October 20, 2018
 - October 21, 2018
 - October 27, 2018
 - October 28, 2018
 - For more information: Email: YesFor4JSchools.com and on Facebook: YesFor4JSchool

3. **Introductions – BethAny**

- Introduction of the PTO Board
- PTO Welcomes You: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Br40EbH_KDQ

4. **Budget – Tichelle**

- Expense and profit goal.
- Enrichment has supplied visits from Wild Life Safari and field trips to OMSI, the zoo, and other field trips.
- Without these funds many students would not have these experiences if the Howard did not provide it.
- PTO, with the input of staff and parents, decide how funds are used.

5. **Jog-A-Thon – Brande**

- Tech Trot coming October 3, 2018.
- Sign to volunteer – snacks, bubble machines, set up and break down.
- SentinelOne donated Tech Trot T-shirts.
- Envelopes sent out September 21, 2018.
- PTO trying to make this the only fundraiser this year and we have set a goal of \$20,000.00.
 - To achieve this we need buy in from parents to help children to ask family, post on Facebook, businesses that want the tax write off, and in general reach outside of in Howard Community.
 - Goal of PTO fundraising is to lift the burden off of Howard families.
- Down side of other fundraisers PTO only receives percentage of sales.

- EX: Only 40% of cookie dough sales went to Howard Elementary.
- **Strategic plan to schedule Tech Trot at the beginning of the school year.**
 - Looking to have more participation from families.
 - This is the end of fiscal year and companies may be looking to satisfy charitable donations.

6. Health Screening – BethAny

- Vision and dental screening.
- 4 volunteers – Bethany Freimuth, Kim Hudson, Beth Bond, Christina Wagner

7. Popcorn Friday’s – Brande

- Start October 5, 2018.
- Costs little to do and brings in between \$1,700.00 to \$2,000.00.
- Usually takes about 2.5 hours popping popcorn the day of. Usually start at drop off time and work until about 9:30 AM.
- Committee sign up is today.
- Option will be available to pay flat fee for popcorn for the whole year.

8. Holiday Bazaar - Committee Sign-up Sheet on Table BethAny

- Need volunteers for Bazaar Committee Members that will hopefully do Holiday and Spring Bazaar
- Holiday Bazaar - Dec 1, 2018
- Spring Bazaar - May 4, 2018

9. Committees - volunteer

- Many options to volunteer:
 - Popcorn: Every Friday
 - Community Nights: 11/14/2018, 01/25/2019, 05/10/2019
 - Penny Wars: 02/04/2019 – 02/08/2019
 - Read-A-Thon: March 2019
 - McTeacher Night: February 2019
 - Carnival: 06/08/2019
 - Bazaars: 12/01/2019 and 05/04/2019
 - Teacher Appreciation Week: 05/05/2019 – 05/10/2019

10. Funds Presentation BethAny and Brande

- Presented check to Principal Chinn.
- \$275.00 per child was raised. The funds have been designated for specific enrichment activities and some enrichment activities designated by the teacher.

- PTO tries to encourage teacher to spend on kids now and we try to avoid funds rolling over to the next year.

11. Be In the know Raffle- Volunteer

- Drawing for Howard T-shirts and Dutch Brothers Gift Card.
- Results posted on Howard PTO Facebook.