

FOESL (Friends of the OES Libraries) Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2014
DVR 8:00 am to 9:30 am

Attendees: Diane Polscer, Jana Reddoch, Kim Bissell, Dawn Swanson, Alicia Morissette, Betty Inscore, Becca Thompson, Paula Gore, Jan Massaro, Kristina Geary, Gisela Walitzki, Lara Ingham, Chris Myers

Diane Polscer- Welcome and Introductions

Diane welcomed everyone. She is the Chair of the FOESL Committee, Jana Reddoch is the co-Chair, Jan Massaro is prior co-Chair, Kim Bissell is a co-Chair of the Book Fair committee. Alicia Morissette is Chair of the Parent Community Link (PCL). Chris Myers is Upper School Librarian and Lara Ingham is Lower School Librarian. The Book Fair committee of FOESL is meeting separately each week through November.

Summer Reading Incentives- Chris Myers

FOESL supports the summer reading T-shirts that are an incentive for all students to read over the summer. The T-shirts are designed by Upper School students. This year there were 108 Lower School students, 25 Upper School students, and 8 Middle School students who received T-shirts. This decreased number may be due to the new model of choosing one book for the entire student body to read over the summer. The choice of "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio was very successful, especially for the Middle School students. Perhaps the model of the reading incentive will have to be changed next year. In past years the incentives included food and ice cream and the change to T-shirts was felt to be an improvement toward a more tangible incentive.

Book Fair- Hilary O'Hollaren is Co-Chair with Kim Bissell and Julie Solomon

Powell's is not returning as book fair sponsors this year. The format is now going to be an affiliation with Annie Bloom's Books. Annie Bloom's is an independent bookstore in Multnomah Village. They have been extremely welcoming and accommodating with the OES committee and we look forward to a great book fair November 14, 15, 16, and 17. The goals of the book fair are to get good books into the hands of our students and parents, promote excitement for reading, to fund the FOESL sponsored events at school, and to help build the OES community. There will continue to be a teacher wish list as well as librarian recommendations for the parents to use as pre-orders and special orders. The goal is to get the new format publicized throughout the OES community. Emily Pritchard has agreed to make bookmarks to distribute. Dawn Swanson is setting up Volunteerspot links. Information will be given through the PAL representatives of each class and division. Pre-orders will be due October 24th. Alicia suggested an OES bus trip for parents to go together during the 4 day event. She will look in to this.

Author visits- Lara Ingram

This Friday Tom Watson will visit the 2nd and 3rd grade classes. He is the author of the 'Stick-Dog' books. His visit is sponsored through Powell's.

Chris Grabenstein is coming Oct. 14th to visit the 4th and 5th grade. His book is "Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library." The committee approved \$1200.00 toward the purchase of his book for the students and his travel fees.

Jennifer Holland will be coming Nov. 13th. She is a National Geographic magazine writer and the author of "Unlikely Friendships". Her visit is also sponsored through Powell's. She may be bringing a llama!

Ken Jennings, the "Jeopardy" champion will be visiting the 4th and 5th grade.. His books include the "Junior Genius Guides" and "Because I Said So!"

Treasurer Report- Julie Solomon

Julie submitted a FOESL financial report that ends with a current balance of \$10,801. The accounting system at OES has just been upgraded this summer, so Julie still has some truing up to do. She will report back when this is available.

Grants- There are no current grants under consideration.

Lou Fernandez Storykeepers Project- Chris Myers

Lou Fernandez was a tireless supporter of OES and FOESL. His son Matt graduated from OES and his daughter Marie is a current 11th grader. Lou passed away from a brain cancer 2011. Donations were given in his memory to continue the Storytellers Project. This will be part of the Literary Festival in combination with ECHOES and will coincide with National Library Week in April. We need to get this on the calendar. Becca Thompson is interested to help facilitate this event.

Book Fair committee meetings are every Wednesday at 1:30 pm through November.
Next FOESL is October 15, 2014.