

Greywolf PTA 1.4.40
General Meeting Minutes
18 March 2014

Meeting called to order: 3:29 pm by Lori Coleman President, Greywolf Library

In attendance/ Introductions: Lori Coleman, Caitlin Sundin, Maribeth Stewart, Teresa Geer, JoElle Munger, Dede Bessey, Kelly Shea, Carla Morton, Erin Green, Darcy Lamb, Steve Lamb, Donna Hudson, Jennifer Lopez, Mindy Gilder, Renee Mullikin,

Guest Speaker: Sequim School District Superintendent Kelly Shea spoke concerning the 2014 Construction Bond Proposal. He explained that this bond is very important for the school district. This bond will provide \$154 million for construction across the district. In 2013 an architecture firm BLRB used the state evaluation tool to evaluate the facilities in our district, with their recommendation and a open forum for residents had a Citizens' Planning committee. This committee made a recommendation, and gave that to the board. The School board then discussed this for 7 consecutive meetings. Upkeep on schools that need replacing is costing more than the school district can keep up with. The school district has not been proactive, the last bond for \$26 million was in 1996.

These are the priorities from that committee which are included in this bond; safe and secure facilities, high performance learning environment, small school environment that supports collaboration, community centered facilities, facilities that are; flexible and adaptable, efficient and durable, timeless and reflect the community. School modernizations cost more than just building a new school.

Regarding Hellen Haller Elementary School; On the OSPI evaluation scale of 92; Hellen Haller received 54.06 structurally, which is below the state standards. One of the issues with the two elementary schools is that Haller population is growing rapidly and Greywolf is growing slowly. Both schools are at over 500 students, growth populations predict new economic growth will be on east end of city (East Sequim Bay area) which will put more strain on Haller. There is no way to move the existing boundaries without putting Haller into the Greywolf boundaries. This will necessitate the need for another school on the east end of the city. Another issue is that full day kindergarten is coming. There are zero extra classrooms at Haller, will have to double the kindergarten space. Anticipate that in 2015 both elementary schools will be eligible for state funding for full day kindergarten, meaning BOTH schools need space for more classrooms. Plan is to tear down the front building at Haller, has sewer issues, etc. Also means that no one could hide between buildings. Existing buildings would be connected by interior hallways, with one point of entry directly into the office. This remodeled building would be a safe, secure space for Olympic Peninsula Academy, and a new community school. Currently sitting at about 1100 elementary students, in 2017 anticipating about 1400. If we had only the two existing elementary schools, that would place 700 students at each school, neither school can handle that many students.

Sequim Middle School; Shingled roof must be replaced. Has design flaw, water runs into flat surface. There is a drain system to disperse water from building, does not work properly, water has gotten into ceilings, walls, HVAC system, etc. Would like to create a parking lot on west end of building. There is also land to the west of the school that the district would like to purchase for playground space, looking towards future.

Transportation center; Previously complete site Master plan ready to go, build 2 bay garage with lift capability (no lift now, mechanic has to drive to PA,) clear existing metal buildings.

Sequim High School; The High School represents 57% of the total bond. Safety and security is an issue, the buildings are not connects, and there are 54 exterior doors. There is no way to secure this campus in the event that we need to lock it down. Gym roof leaks terribly, floor is original and warped. That building would need to come down. OSPI score for older structures was 55.93. High school is maxed out on electrical plug-ins, can NOT put in any more. Which means we can't provide additional technology to existing students. We are known in the Olympic League as the worst athletic facilities in the league. Football field does not drain, tennis court surfaces are uneven and severely cracked, gym floor is uneven, track has chunks of rubber missing. Our fields do not meet the WA Interscholastic players standards. All of these are hazardous to players and spectators. Considering synthetic turf, no mowing, watering, etc. Also gives us consistent play surfaces year round. We want to bring our facilities up to the state standards.

Base Kitchen: located in the community school Served 1200 students in 1979 when it opened, now serves 2.700 students. Appliances were bought used, can't find parts for old appliances when they break. Have to unpack frozen pallets outside, won't fit through the door. Would like to move base kitchen into the high school.

Greywolf: Got OSPI score of 87.08 (is the newest facility in the district.) We know that all day kindergarten is coming and enrollment is going to increase. The proposal is to add classrooms to the end of the wings, as was intended when the building was constructed. Plan to add full sized gym with hard wood floor to rear of multi purpose room, which is currently being used for both lunch and PE classes. Also need to add a music room between gym and multipurpose room, so that walls on both sides can open up for performances. Currently serving kitchen is in a hallway, plan to move serving kitchen to side of multi purpose room so that kids get served where they eat, and do not disturb classrooms. The plan is also to reconfigure the main office to create single point of entry, with view of the sidewalk.

Current total 2014 taxes \$2.15 per \$1000, this bond, if passed, will increase taxes in 2015 to \$3.85 per \$1000 . The average statewide taxes \$4.90 per \$1000 for other school districts with Similar Assessed Valuations. We currently collect close to the lowest taxes in the state. By approving this bond, the Sequim School district will be right in the middle, at the average for the state. Unknown if we have a contractor locally that has the resources to take on these projects as a whole. Most likely with the bid we will have to bring in outside contractors, however we can stipulate that a percentage of our choosing of the workers that do the construction will have to be from the local area. If the bond passes, we will begin work this summer on the smaller projects, projected overall plan is to be completed January 2020. The state standard is for these new buildings to last 50 years.

Approval of minutes from January's PTA meeting: Approved as written by unanimous decision.

Nomination of Nominating Committee: Tricia Stratton and Darcy Lamb nominated themselves to be the nominating committee. Approved by unanimous decision.

Treasurer report: JoElle Munger reported that there is \$14,677.44 in the account. Math night was not profitable, as was expected. We spent \$315.31, donations brought in \$300.25 .

Membership report: Teresa Geer reported there are no new members since January's meeting.

Fundraising report: Lori Coleman reported that the Jog-a-thon packets will go home May 19. Teachers have started keeping track of laps already. The hope is that every classroom will do this so that every child will be able to finish the North Olympic Discovery Marathon on May 31. Parents have to sign their children up for the marathon, there is a \$10 fee. There are lots of scholarships available, no child will be turned away. Every Monday the PTA will be collecting the running charts from the classrooms and handing out prizes for laps equalling 5K,10K, etc.

Taco Time Takeover /April 16- Donna Hudson reported that the teachers will be assigned to specific times so that kids can come to see their teacher.

Family Fun night/ May 22

BOGO Book Fair/ May 20-23

New business:

Memory Books- Darcy Lamb reported that she has all the pictures of the students, except for any new enrolls. It looks like they will be about \$1.21 + tax and/or shipping for each book, if we do a 30 page book, with binding and plastic covers. We would bind them ourselves, which saves on the cost. Darcy and Carla Morton have done some leg work towards setting up the pages. Darcy and Carla will continue to work on it and get it set up and pieces ordered.

Kindergarten Screening May 5: Carla Morton volunteered to head up the PTA side, handing out snacks and PTA info.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 5- May 9: Lori Coleman reported that there was a suggestion of getting the teachers sweatshirts with "School of Distinction" printed on them. Donna Hudson and Darcy Lamb suggested that the PTA could half it with the school. This would be in lieu of providing lunch or other gifts. Will do more research into price and discuss further in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.