Parent council meeting
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Kari Parsons gave a 2015/2016-calendar update. The carnival will be moved to October, oBob will be the same timeframe in January/February, the Art Walk will be before spring break next year and the Food and Coat Drive will be in December. The Direct Drive will happen all year.

Trevor Betenson gave the treasures report. This year we have raised $74,000, the goal is $115,000 and last year we raised $112,000. We are unsure if that includes the Reading Olympics which raised $15,000 which would make the total for this year at $94,000.

Jennifer Ensminger gave an update on the Art Walk. Bobby Stevens and his band will be playing live music, Lane Community College will be catering, Falling Sky, Oakshire and King estate are donating wine and beer. There will be symphony and Ballet Fantastique tickets donated. The event is open to the greater Edison community. If you can't make the event, there will be a way to buy your child's artwork afterwards.

Tom Horn gave an update and answered questions from the group. There will be three counselors from the U of O next year for helping with kids in the Behavior Program. Edison will get to keep all of our Educational Assistant for next year. We have three teachers leaving and those positions will be filled for next year. If the bond passes most likely we will work with architects next year to design and remodel Edison. We might look at redoing the playground using it as Art as Play for outside the building. Jeff Goolsby at the University of Oregon will help design the exterior. At 7:30 PM Thursday the YMCA is coming to Edison to update on their plans for the new building. Edison is currently at an opt-out rate of 29%, we are below ten percent for immunizations. We have university students and first graders planting in the schoolhouse garden and are trying to create for a covered area for garden education.

Sarah Campbell gave a site Council report. There's talk of shifting decision-making back to the Site Council which shifted to the Parent Council Executive Committee. There's talk of fundraising for next year which would place less emphasis on fundraising and more on promoting events celebrate our community in a way that is inclusive and doesn't require spending money. The welcome committee will be year-round now.
Tammy young gave a nutrition update. There's a new hire, Steve Cooper, who will be Food Services Manager which will be a year-round position instead of ten months out of the year allowing for more continuity. Camas Ridge joined our pilot program last year, with Chef Ray at Edison. Edison parents need to help set up goals and plans since we are setting the pace for the entire district. Chef Ray talked about how elements of scratch cooking is in every school and we are not using ingredients from our garden. The focus right now is tracking what is in our food with a focus on less sugar and using less ingredients with chemicals.

We raised $200 at the yogurt extreme fundraiser this month.

Katie Westerman gave thanks to everyone who helped with the school carnival this year. Tammy Young thanked the executive team members and E-News members and she also gave a thank you to those members who will be moving on next year including Kari Parsons, Samantha Brauner, Heidi Zola, Sarah Campbell, Bobby Stevens, Laura Harris, Tara Parillo, Reina Magert, and Paula Thompson. Kari Parson thanked Tammy young for her dedicated volunteer work.