

Oregon College Savings Plan—Tobias Reed, State Treasurer and John Valley from the Oregon College Savings Plan

My job as the State Treasurer is to keep public money safe until we need it to pay for public services. He invests the state portfolio to help increase what the state invests in each area.

The Oregon College Savings Plan is a 529 account or a college savings account. Any child that has one of these accounts is three times more likely to go to college than someone without and 4.5 times more likely to graduate from college.

In the 2017/2018 school year, a college education can cost \$12,000 to \$45,000 for just one year. Due to the rising cost of college tuition, student loan debt has increased to 44 million Americans owing \$1.5 trillion in federal and private student loans.

Should You Save \$20,000 or Borrow \$20,000? If you save for college: \$50 a month for 18 years before college with a 6% interest rate. If you borrow for college: Pay \$154 a month after your child begins college and take out a loan where you pay a 6% interest rate for 18 years after college.

How does it work? It is a mutual fund that can be used for an educational expense. In order to use it, the child needs to attend an accredited school, which means it needs to be federally funded. It can also be used to attend a k-12 private school for up to \$10,000. The money can be used for tuition, housing, books, computers, or anything else that you need to attend your classes (for example, if you are in culinary school, you can use it for pots, pans, and knives). But it can be a university, community college, or trade school. You just have to have \$25 to start an account. You do not have to pay tax on any interest you earn. You can also get a tax deduction \$4,750 for joint and \$2,375 for single filers. Friends and family can also get this deduction. There are no application or transfer fees. No commissions on paid accounts, and total fees are only between .25% and .72%. The portfolios automatically transition to more conservative as the student gets closer to college.

Baby Grad is another program where if you sign up before a child is one year, then they will donate \$25 to their account.

There is a new program for individuals with disabilities called the Able Savings Plan. Parents or other individuals can put money aside for individuals

with disabilities, so that they can still receive their government benefits and have money saved for their future.

For more information, contact the on their website oregoncollegesavings.com or at 866-772-8464.

Approve Meeting Minutes—Katie

All approved, none opposed.

Principal's Message—Sheila

A lockout means that there is a concern outside a building. That means that all exterior doors are closed. The blinds are closed and teachers and students stay in the building, but business is as usually within the classrooms. A lockdown is where there is a concern within the building. That means that we lock all classroom doors, turn the lights off, and find a safe place within the classroom to sit that is out of site. The students are to remain silent until the all clear is given.

On December 19th, we had a modified lockout. The students spent their day within their classrooms. They were not allowed to go outside for recess. Throughout the day when parents were coming to pick up their child, it was a controlled release where they asked for id before they were released. During the school day, we told the students they were in a lockdown, but we said nothing further. Unfortunately, we were not allowed communicate with families at a school level because the district wanted a unified message being sent out.

We got a grant from Young Audiences, so we will have Ethnotech, a storyteller, coming to our school on January 31st. They will be paying 75% of the cost of the assembly.

ACMA came on Friday to do an in-school field trip in third grade.

They are changing the dance from February 14th to February 21st, so that families can spend Valentine's Day with their families.

We will have a STEAM night with the classrooms open with their activities on March 7th, and we will have a STEM and Earth night on April 25th.

Shelia lost \$12,000 from her school budget because the district pulled 20% of each school's budget to deal with their deficit. We are asking to enhance our school's nonfiction classroom libraries. We have been working with the Columbia Teacher's College to enhance our reading and writing program. The mentor's from the program have suggested that our school needs more nonfiction books.

We are asking \$600 for mentor texts and \$6,215 for the nonfiction classroom libraries from the Lucy Calkins Units of Study. These books tie directly with their reading units, and they are leveled to help support kids at different reading levels. The total ask is for \$6,815.

Treasure's Report—Nicole

We earned about \$60,000 at Jog-a-thon. Our operating budget is \$35,700. Right now, we have \$90,897.05 in our checking account. With our current spending, we are trending to have \$20,000 to \$25,000 left over at the end of the year.

Dominique made a motion that we use \$6,815 from the PTO budget to purchase one set of the teacher's college nonfiction grade level sets and the mentor books. All approve, none oppose. There is a possibility that we can fund one or two more sets later this year.

Volunteer Coordinator—Lindsey

Winter Parties went well. We need continued support in all classroom volunteers. The community really helped when Mrs. Baker sent out an SOS to help her shelve books.

Food Drive—Katie

We were very successful! Last year, we had 5 barrels and 998 meals. Our goal was 6 barrels and 1,200 meals. This year's actual total was 6 barrels and 1216 meals.

Track Committee—Kim

We have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 16th at 7pm at the Oak Hills Rec Center. We will be discussing fundraising opportunities, movie nights, and auction planning.

Katie and Sheila met with Carl Meade. We are still awaiting a project manager, so we cannot apply for grants until we get a cost estimate. Carl is working with us to get that person. Once we have a cost estimate, we can start applying for grants. We found out that we cannot run the track parallel with the portables (rather than running in between the portables) it adds an extra cost through clean water services that could exceed \$50,000.

Amazon Wish List—Board

Most teacher's now have an Amazon wish list. These are things that they will for their classrooms. If you are looking to support your child's classroom, take a look at them!

December RFF's—Nicole

Our budget was \$2,000 for winter. At the board meeting, we approved any requests under \$250. Ms. Yamada requested three book series for \$95.94. Kindergarten teachers each requested \$179 for an assessment tool for reading and math. Ms. Yamada also requested bins for her classroom library for \$138.71. Shelly Ray asked for a sunshine cart for \$200. All requests were approved. It was a total \$1150.65. We have paid out \$358 so far.

We have one additional request for first grade. They are requesting a big book set for their classrooms for \$418.44. There was a motion to approve it. All approved, none opposed.

We have an extra \$430.91 that will roll over to the next RFF.

Washington County Community Outreach Program—Charli

The Sheriff Department has three outreach programs that they are interested in sharing with the parents and students. They have a digital safety presentation. They have a presentation for parents on personal safety for their kids. They also have a 5th grade academy where they kids can learn about bike safety, internet safety, drugs and alcohol, fire safety, etc. We will send a Facebook poll to see if families are interested.

February Dance—Lindsey

Specialists will help out at the dance. They will serve pizza, water, and soda. They are still trying to decide what the entrance fee should be. They want to have a donation piece too. For example, collecting new socks and underwear, gently used clothing, of canned food.

February 13th is our school's month for the clothes closet. We will send out a message if we do not have enough volunteers. Contact the volunteer coordinator if you are interested.

Movie Night—Jo

We will be having a movie night on February 8th from 6 to 8. It is a fund raiser for the track. We will have pizza, soda, snacks, and popcorn. We will be showing Ice Age. Bring your water bottles, chairs, and blankets. We will have another one in April where we will show Kung Fu Panda.

In attendance:

Katie Rupp

Charli Sand

Spring Patterson

Lindsey Burnham

Jo Salisco Murphy

Kim Harris

Nicole Evanson

Mya Erickson

Jennifer DeMartino

Sheila Baumgardner

Dominique DeSpain

Colleen Seitz