

# **SW WASHINGTON REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD ADVISORY BOARD**

Meeting Minutes for Monday, 29 September 2008, 6:30 PM, Clark College

Members present:

David Bufford, Tina Barsotti, April Takashima, Jo Shannahan, Rachel Karlson, Garry Lee, Jerry Walsh, Barry Hoffman, Rick Grote, Cheryl Kryger

## **Elementary Science Olympiad**

There was a great deal of discussion and planning concerning the Elementary Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament to be held at Clark College on Saturday, 8 November 2008. These are the items that were covered.

1. The five events are Metric Mastery, Aerodynamics (Paper Airplanes), Mystery Architecture, Straw Egg Drop, and Gunk. Barry Hoffman and Jo Shannahan will be modifying and re-typing the official rules, which will then be distributed among the committee for a one week review, and upon approval, posted on the SW WA Science Olympiad website.
2. Each event will last 20 minutes with a 5 minute break between. This will allow all competition to be completed by 11 AM. The final tallying of scores and awards ceremony should easily be completed by 12 noon. We have the gym until 1 PM. Cheryl Kryger will see that the schedule for the morning is posted on the website. She will also plan some activities to keep the kids occupied while the final scores are totaled. Another possibility during this time is to have all the participants keep their paper airplanes and have a final "fly-off."
3. April Takashima reported that two schools have registered so far. No middle or high school teams have volunteered to help.
4. Cheryl Kryger will contact the elementary principals to clarify that each school is limited to one team. We are limiting the tournament to 20 teams. If there is still room for more teams by 5 PM, October 17, 2008, extra teams from the registered schools will be allowed to compete on a first come, first served basis. The donation is \$50 per team, not per school.
5. Tina Barsotti will take care of ordering ribbons for all the winners. That should total a maximum of 75 for each of the first, second, and third places. There will also be a special prize (such as candy bars or something from Clark College) for the three individuals in each of the groups that places first in each of the events. This amount should total 15. Cheryl Kryger will take care of getting participation certificates designed and printed.
6. Tina Barsotti will look into moving the entire competition to the Gaiser Hall / Penguin Union Building. The advantage is that the gym floor will not have to be completely covered by a protective tarp.
7. Event supervisors and volunteers will be coordinated by Tina Barsotti. Cheryl Kryger will recruit six award presenters, preferably principals from the participating elementary schools.
8. Tina Barsotti will see that a press release about the tournament is delivered.

9. Each of the event supervisors will be responsible for scoring their events. They will deliver the raw scores to the team scoring crew which Cheryl Kryger will set up and staff.
10. Donuts, coffee and juice will be provided for volunteers only.
11. It was clarified that sixth graders may compete in the elementary level if:
  - a. the sixth grade is grouped with the elementary grades in the school, and
  - b. the students are not competing on a middle school team.
12. It was decided that this year we will not be offering a Coaches Training session after the tournament. It is our hope that we can do it next year.
13. Barry Hoffman shared his goal of offering a "Science Inquiry" activity on a monthly basis at Maple Grove. This venue could test different elementary events, tell us which would be viable to offer at future invitational tournaments, and alert us to modifications that would need to be made.
14. Rachel Karlson, because of her involvement with WASL and science standards, is willing to work on tying in the elementary Science Olympiad events to the WASL.
15. The Camas School District schools are very involved in the tournament. Ron Wright sent an email that four of the five elementary schools are assembling teams, and one has as many as 50 students who want to come. Rick Grote shared that each elementary school has at least one teacher, one parent and a Camas High School Science Olympiad team member working together. The high school students are able to use the experience as part of their senior project.
16. Barry Hoffman informed us that there is a worthwhile DVD available from the national Science Olympiad organization about elementary programs.

### **Officer Nominations**

The following names were placed in nomination for officer positions:

President – David Bufford (incumbent)

Vice President – John Neumann (incumbent) and Rick Grote (Camas parent)

Treasurer – April Takashima (incumbent)

Secretary – Cheryl Kryger (incumbent)

David Bufford suggested that we add the position of Liaison for the Elementary Invitational. Jerry Walsh submitted his name in nomination. Elections will be held at the next board meeting.

### **Website**

1. Tina Barsotti reported that Clark College is working on making the Southwest Washington Regional website a stand alone site instead of being a part of Priscila Martins-Read's website. In the meantime, Priscila has graciously agreed to post our information.
2. The state unified schedule was supposed to be an item of business at the state board meeting on 27 September 2008. It will be posted on our site as soon as we get a hold of it.
3. Cheryl Kryger will see that basic information is posted regarding the Southwest Washington Regional Tournament on 14 March 2009, at Lower Columbia College in Longview.

### **Other Items**

1. Cheryl Kryger is going to ask the state Science Olympiad Board to approve a combined Code of Ethics and Roster. This would be more accurate and readable because it is on a single sheet of paper instead of two.
2. Priscila Martins-Read found some Science Olympiad recruiting video tapes made by David Lemberg. They are a bit dated because they were made several years ago, but they still communicate the fun and excitement of Sci Oly. Cheryl Kryger brought them to the meeting and offered them to everyone.
3. The next board meeting will be Monday, 20 October 2008, at 6:30 PM. Tina Barsotti will request one of the PUB 258 rooms. David Rosi, one of the regional tournament directors from Lower Columbia College, will be invited.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Kryger  
Secretary