

In Attendance:

Carolyn Hinton, Liz Price, Taylor Thomas, Dwi Jennings, Heather Friesen, Shane Hill, Dana Marks, Lynn Kane, Amy Thomas, Cindy Bones, Yuli Martinez, Jessica Marquez, Maren LaRoche, Jen Davis, Reina Carcamo, Brenda, Cat Tomlin, Misty Hill and Londa Rocholz.

Brenda talked to us about measure 97. She said that it affects all Oregonians, its plan is to take 2.5% of gross sales from major corporations that make \$100 million or more in the state of Oregon. And divide that amongst Healthcare, Senior services and schools. In 2008, during our recession, Oregon lost 2700 teachers, crumbling support for education, we have to rely on volunteers now for support staff. Back in the 70's/ 80's there were librarians, pe teachers, extra staff. That is all gone. Now we have large class sizes. Despite what the "no" on 97 advertising says, 95% of Oregon businesses will not have to pay this tax at all. Oregon is dead last of all states to pay corporate taxes.

A counselor at Churchill H.S. spoke about 97, they are in the same situation, class size is about 35 students. that is now average. at a time when students have more mental health needs and needing support in these modern days, but teachers are so stretched thin, it's not sustainable. It will crumble. Leah Dunbar, a master teacher at Churchill, had said that she now has as many students as a halftime teacher as she had when she was a fulltime teacher 16 years ago. They are putting out the false advertising saying that it will turn into a "slush fund" however, section 3 states specifically where it is to be allocated, and we will hold our legislators to it. There's no backup plan. this is it. the governor has told the school board to run two budgets for next year, one with a 25% increase to the budget, or one with a 10% cut. With this passing, it would mean a 8000 + teacher hire for Oregon.

Ways you can help: There's a phone bank off Coburg road and [tuesday-thursday](#), for two hour shifts you can help do telethon work. OEA doesn't have the money to fight the negative ads, but they do have passionate people! If we make 300,000 contacts, we will be able to pass this! there is a facebook page: friend it, like it, then people will start to notice! per year it will mean \$3billion increase. Liz Price said that big business in Oregon have been lucky to not pay this, other states have so many more fees taxes. This has been 5 years in the works, accountants, legislators, economists, oea have all worked on this measure.

Principal Report: Jogathon was so fun, great event. nwccu was here and the volunteers and spirit of the day was great. Safety updates: we had faucets tested. It was done by the district and also a private party. we has 8 effected faucets. they've been replaced and we're waiting for re-checks, 3 have been cleared. 5 are left. Martin MCarthy is our school nurse. he is sick and couldn't be here. The number of cavities are high here. he's working out clinic options for the affected kids. But as a preventative measure, Martin is proposing to have fluoride clinics. It would be for grades 1-5. More details to follow. Science: we are excited about our new curriculum. we want students to begin to feel fluent in science. we haven't had something like this for a while. it is through Foss. The staff started a science bulletin board. in the main hallway. there will be some science work up for display. and science jokes for the board are encouraged! so far this has been a very good start to the school year. Londa said her best! A parent Lynn, had asked how concerned should we be about the lead exposure? Londa explained that a level count had been done on each faucet and we had a miniscule amount of lead which means small exposure. Londa said that she felt the way facilities approached everything and expedited the problem was reassuring.

President report; Misty mentioned box tops- we are always collecting. whichever class at the end of the month has the most box tops earns a pizza party! [this friday](#) in the folders will be a form for attaching the tops to. the first classroom party will be announced end of October. Something recommended was to do another email for the Fred's Rewards signup so that it's noticed more! [This Friday](#) is the first Popcorn [Friday](#). 5 box tops or a quarter is what it costs to the students. It is a monthly event. We are also having our first movie night! its the 21st movie is tba. Misty also asked if there were any suggestions of what type of speakers or subjects people would like to have at our monthly meeting? We encourage suggestions. Maren wanted to mention that the book fair is set to be [Nov 14-18](#). She was asking for people to sign up for volunteering and helping with questions, locating titles, watching out for theft, helping out with preview days with classes, decorating, etc. Jen Davis said she would help Maren setup the online signup program. We ended by reminding everyone that our next month's meeting would be the "ways and means" meeting. And Misty described what that means.