

PTO Board Meeting 10/16/19

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Lori Ackerman – Teacher liaison
Carrie Newhard – Teacher liaison

GENERAL DISCUSSION

New Teacher liaison team – Lori Ackerman, Carrie Newhard, Katie Wilson

Raven mascot costume – anonymously gifted by several families; Lana Turner will have responsible work program and application for sixth graders to wear the costume; unveiling will have Raven strolling around school from here to there; big unveiling at assembly; Name the Mascot.... Each class comes up with a submission, teachers come up with Top 5, and then the kids will vote.

PRINCIPAL COMMENTS

School climate – assemblies going with kindness and responsible; want more involvement in leadership; after each assembly, Lana put follow up info in teacher's boxes;

K-6 – Being a Writer; learning how to structure mini lessons; it is a responsive reading program so you have to gauge by the student in front of you; guided reading. Different groups with 15 minutes and their own books, new U shaped tables so that the teacher can get close to the students and hear them read out loud; Newhard – allows to utilize individual and group needs at the same time; reading is thinking; Planning read aloud, shared reading, guided reading, phonics, book club; not levelled reading... responsive reading; individualized instruction within guided reading; takes a lot of time for teachers to prep;

Lana Turner teaching zones of regulation – working with Joanne Chan on a parent night around anxiety and working with the staff too on research based ways to help kids who struggle with anxiety; multiple grants being requested for classroom materials around social emotional health; Carrie Newhard – when stuff is going on at home, past trauma... kids don't learn;

Karen Troughton PLUSS Liaison

First PLUSS Meeting – the theme was the 2020 bond; replaces 7 elementary schools; TF would be opened in 2026; TF is last by need and logistics; can't build TF on site, need to go to Cathcart; why can't they build it on the field?... based on average footprint of the school, there is not enough room on the field and would not have access

Can we start a FAQ spreadsheet and post it on the PTO Board – Hawk will work on that

There is a robust website detailing the bond – has the cost for each school

Dr. Kent hosting a Q&A at Seattle Hill Starbucks tomorrow night

Will there be enough money at the end? The budget is forecasted out for inflation and increased costs

Build the school for 600; don't want to overbuild or underbuild

At some point the boundaries will change

The HVAC system at this school is causing a lot of problems with the cinderblock construction; school was built very cheaply as a pod school for 25 year lifespan;

Lifespan of new school predicted to be 50-75 years

Katie Seward Vice-President

Walkathon is next week! What time? 10:15ish

Abbie Long – Directory

Handful of shoutouts and advertisements;

Grandpa started a foundation to support reading; \$5,000 is pledged for the readaloud each year as long as the Longs have a student at the school; The Wold Foundation started by John Wold who was a US Congressman; Slogan for foundation is Read to Succeed

Lori Ackerman – Teacher Liasion

Shari has been going around and touching base with kiddos on IEP; coming around and identifying the highly capable kids; thank you for the AR subscription

Carrie Newhard – Teacher Liasion

Teaching the kids the routine and learning rules; what it looks like to be a Raven and be part of a team; the assembly was wonderful; getting ready for conferences; on Day 30 it takes a while to get to know the kids; enjoying parking lot changes; brand new student came last week and fell into place really well and part of that is programs like popcorn and Raven Racers; good feedback for PTO

Neva Goodrich – Volunteer Coordinator - please see attached notes

Do we need standing rules for PTO – how do we include volunteers?, option to opt out of sharing information; classroom

Jeff Parnel – Treasurer

PTO Storage is here!

Did receive the first direct deposit from Greater Giving - \$1,100 – another one will come this Friday

Matching checks will come in with a note; take a while to come in

Katie will count the money on Friday; tally sheet;

Paid for a dropbox subscription for Yearbook

Taxes are done

PTO funds on deposit are \$47,768

Tami Zevenbergen – President

Beautification Day was a huge success; kids rallied with parents; district gave us mulch; district agreed to pay for the additional bark that we need; Beautification Day Part 2 will be on November 2; Ackerman says that this is the best that it has looked, so aesthetically pleasing; kids are making comments about how nice it looks and that kicked off a conversation about Raven Spirit

Playground is going in next week

BINGO night is this Friday – will be very simple; someone donated all the toys and prizes; \$100 gift card to Amazon will be grand prize; selling scrunchies at concessions

Working with Jennifer Kyrnin on the website- current website is very archaic; starting to make changes so that it looks fresher; concern is that it is extremely busy with lots of boxes and redundancy; strategic plan will be updated

Art Docent is going amazing - 10 more art docents than last year; meeting was a success; Dzana has been working very hard on it

Master PTO folder with events and policies – project for this year?

Robotics – Amy Hubbard; will run in 6 week time frames; start in January, next time frame would be in April; 3 sessions per year; can't run into a scheduling conflict with library; this would serve roughly 45 kids per year; need district approval to use computers/ needs to be a district employee which Amy is; Tiffany is looking into what application needs to take place; obstacles are applications for program and computers; PTO purchased 3 kits, SSD has 3 kits; program will be best for 1-3;

Grants – decisions will be made at November 20th meeting, applications due the week before;