

PTO Board Meeting 11/20/19

Hawk Cramer – Principal
Tami Zevenbergen – President
Katie Seaward – Vice President
Jeff Parnel – Treasurer
Abbie Long – Co-Treasurer
Brooke Freestone – Secretary
Karen Troughton – PLUSS liaison
Lori Ackerman – Teacher liaison
Carrie Newhard – Teacher liaison
Tamar Wilson – Librarian

Principal Comments

Family decision for Hawk to return to the classroom. Really looking forward to teaching again.

Talked to parents and what they are most hoping to see is the spirit of inclusion carry over to the new administration.

Tamar Wilson – Read Aloud 2020

Heard the feedback that last year's book was a little long but wanted to find something short/medium; looked for a book that would springboard conversations about Raven character traits

Reminds her of Roald Dahl – quirky and fun.

Can the author come May 7? The kickoff would be in March.

What to do with leftover funds? Carryover to following year or fund other literacy programs?

Abbie Long – Treasurer Report

\$65,845.87 checking; \$10,489.52 savings; \$76,335.66 TOTAL

\$1,381 brought in from Bingo Night

\$29,716 from the walkathon

\$6,100 check for unclaimed property from state of Washington – possibly profits from PayPal from a past walkathon

Funds for Read a Loud are not in the budget income yet

Directory: District provided student info and now can be plugged in

GENERAL FUNDING DISCUSSION

Tami – budget meeting; there is a surplus plus the savings cushion.... Do we spend it? Some schools fundraise and spend, fundraise and spend. Should we spend this \$40,000 surplus? What do we want to do? Increase mini grant budget? Redo teacher lounge?

Jeff – there is a minimum of \$40,000 surplus

Tami – start with a \$10,000 amount and decide what to do with it for next year

Brain Pop is due next year. Almost \$5,000

Music Man?

Robotics will start this year

Theatre program – was not a huge success

Stephanie Thurston is developing a small choir program

6th grade camp – staff has to be willing; liability is a big part of it; huge commitment on the part of the staff

Tami – Talking to Mrs. Beck about updating the staff lounge; would have to propose tonight a bigger budget; extra \$1,000

Neva – Mrs. Beck’s concern is asking for too big of a budget with the school being torn down but it is at least 4 years

Tami proposed \$1,000 for staff lounge; Hawk seconded; approved!

Tami Zevenbergen – President

Mini Grant applications – see attached document

Approved – will fund the choir budget for Mrs. Thurston outside of mini grant; will first look at the \$750 music budget; \$150 for staff enrichment

In the future, we should narrow parameters for the grants: things that stay with the kids and the school; not continuing education programs; equipment that is purchased such as alternative wiggle seating needs to stay with the school

APPROVED – AR program; “We thinkers”; 5th & 6th grade books; social skills library; PAWS; sensory tools; audio books; character traits

Hawk made motion to approve Mini Grants; Brooke Freestone seconded - APPROVED

Need Annual fund for snacks but not going to go under the grant – Abbie Long made motion for \$500, Brooke Freestone seconded – Approved!

Music Man – if we want to do it next year we need to book now because he is only available next fall; Brooke Freestone motioned; Abbie Long seconded

Brooke Freestone – Secretary

Will be looking into drafting a PTO Newsletter; Hawk will send it out digitally