

## **PTO General Meeting 2/26/2020**

Hawk - Principal  
Tami Zevenbergen – President  
Katie Seward – Vice President  
Neva Goodrich – Volunteer Coordinator  
Jeff Parnel – Co-Treasurer  
Abbie Long – Co-Treasurer  
Brooke Freestone – Secretary  
Karen Troughton – PLUSS liaison  
Kris Johnson – Teacher liaison  
Lori Ackerman – Teacher liaison  
Katie Wilson – Teacher liaison

### **Hawk – Principal’s Report**

This year has seen the most professional development with the staff learning with the new reading program

K-6 implementing new system with materials to be a writer; writer’s workshop

Shelly Dearman – literacy support specialist; 6 week training at each grade level

### **Abbie Long – Treasurer Report**

Checking \$70,947.94; Savings \$10,490.58

McTeacher Night was a huge success; tip jar alone was \$820

Recent transactions... Family Fun – Neon Dance \$1,212; Mc Teacher; approx. \$1,600 total; plus a

### **Neva – Volunteer Coordinator**

Staff Lounge Phase 1 renovation is complete! So much praise and thanks. Thank you to the team.

Given that the bond did not pass, looking to do a second phase of improvements. Looking for a budget increase of \$2,700 – including new chairs

Hawk made motion to increase budget for staff lounge; Brooke Freestone seconded vote

### **Karen Troughton – PLUSS Meeting**

Bond – The district will do a survey to take the pulse of community and reassess. When to run it again, April too early? November is the presidential election.

Construction inflation will be 5 percent per year

### **Dr. Craig Church – Incoming Principal**

So excited to be the next principal at Totem Falls

Emerson is only grades 3-6; excited for the dynamic of a full elementary program

First principalship in Marysville was preschool-6

Totem Falls is like the community he grew up in

Lives in Lake Stevens, married with 2 kids, wife is a school counselor in Marysville

He went to UW; both kids are at WSU (daughter graduating this year and son beginning next year)

What do I think about kids and education? Mistakes are opportunities for learning; celebrating is important; parent’s job is to advocate for the kid;

### **Parent Questions for Dr. Church**

Will students get to meet you before school starts?

- Will be here for Spring into Kindergarten; summer ice cream and popsicle

Are there any traditions you want to bring?

- There are so many traditions here he wants to see what the TF community values

If you could spend \$10,000 to benefit the school and every student what would you do?

- Wait to see about the bond; possibly 1 to 1 computers, track

How many years until retirement?

- 5 years makes sense at least

What are you most scared of coming here?

- Being accepted; coming in as a transfer

How do you feel about inclusion?

- At Emerson we have tried lots of different things. Kids have to get core instruction of they will be left behind. Kids have to be looked at individually. Pay attention to social and academic piece. Too much push in can hurt academics.

Will you allow costumes for Halloween

- Emerson has done a book character day on Halloween

General Discussion and questions

Where are we on providing 1 to 1 computers?

- Staff has differing opinions; district needs to support the computers repairs and replacements
- Looking at other things: Rubber track, New AV equipment
- \$450 a laptop

What is the plan for fundraising next year?

- Trying to spend the surplus at well-researched, paced amount
- Nobody on board to do an auction next year
- The walkathon was successful; modest fundraising is ok while we have the surplus
- Small art walk this year and will possibly grow that idea for bigger fundraising platform next year

Looking Ahead

3/11 Evening Science Fair

3/18 All School Read Aloud

5/4 – 5/8 Staff Appreciation Week

5/31 Totem Falls Mariners Night