

PTO Meeting Minutes - April 4th 2017 - 6:00 pm

President's Report (Amy Roskowski for Bradi Gates)

PTO Alumni Scholarship

- Applications are available online - keep spreading the word for any seniors that went to JW. Applications due April 26th.

Volunteering Awards

- Nomination forms will be available in the office at the end of this week. All nominees will be given a small gift at the Volunteer Breakfast. Due date for application will coming.

Secretary Report (Merideth Manwiller)

Nothing to Report.

Principal's Report (Joan McFadden)

- Thanks for picnic lunch on Staff Appreciation March 22nd!
- Will hold a meeting in April for setting up next year's school calendar of events.
- Silverware - Lori in the front office researched and found a price of \$400 for 500 forks and 500 spoons. Would like PTO to approve budget up to \$500 for the purchase. Motion made by Merideth Manwiller to approve spending. Second by Sarah Sperbeck-Koenders.

Community Partnership Report (Tracy Bariao)

Translator Tree was nominated for WE award for district. Were also recognized last month by the district for this effort. This would be great for spreading the word to other schools to possibly adopt.

Fundraising Report (Amy Roskowski for Amy Charon)

5th Grade Activities:

- Questions about vendors: Do they have to pass risk management screening? Answer: No, only if the work they are provided is something being completed onsite.
- May not be able to do inflatables this year. Joan will give them the list of acceptable carnival /send off items that can be used.

Community Events Report (Sarah Sperbeck-Koenders)

One School One Book (Jen Politsch)

- One idea for this year may be the book BFG by Roald Dahl. It gets many good recommendations, and could tie into a movie night at the end of the month.
- For moving forward it is best to order through scholastic account for best price and to accumulate bonus points. Jen will follow with Dan Silver up on that

Author Visit

- Event was very well received - and well run! Thanks so much to Jillian Starr for her work in organizing.
- Possible author visit in September - Jillian may be able to get for free! More details to come as they become available.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report (Amy Roskowski)

- We went through a preliminary list of positions available that are anticipated to be vacant next year. Anyone interested should contact Jen Politsch.
- Field Day is being scheduled now.

Treasurer's Report (Angela Babst)

2 more weeks for classroom reimbursements to be turned in by teachers. All else is flowing through per the budget as expected.

Bradi and Angela will meet after April 15th and bring a proposed budget for May meeting.

Member At Large (Jyothy Vemuri)

Sonia Lall expressed interest in being involved in Green Team that could be started next year. She is meeting with Waste Management this week, so for next meeting will have more ideas/information.

Miscellaneous Items/New Business:

Kindy Orientation - PTO table will be set up outside with handout about what PTO pays for. April 20th at 6pm. Jen Politsch and Amy Roskowski will do this again this year.

Grade Level Updates April 2017

Thank you for the picnic lunch the week before Spring Break! The staff was very appreciative of all of your efforts and for thinking of us in such a thoughtful way! Thank you!

Kindergarten:

We continue to work on reading, writing and our literacy skills. We are working on subtraction! (or as one kindergartener said... "OH! You mean take-away!")

The students are excited to be back after spring break. They LOVE to see their friends!

We are revisiting be respectful, be responsible, be safe, and be kind... Getting them ready for first grade! It is coming soon!

1st Grade

First grade is loving their Geometry unit in math – very engaging for the students! A mapping unit was just started that will coincide with the ever popular Flat Stanley/Flat First Grader adventures. Starting this Thursday and going each week through June is our new Art rotations.

Children will rotate each Thursday from 2:15-2:45 to a different first grade teacher for art. We are so excited for this!

2nd Grade

2nd grade is getting Future Ready, with plans to visit a BSD school that has implemented future ready practices on April 25th. We will see all kinds of best practices and can't wait to bring them back to Jacob Wismer to implement in our classrooms.

3rd Grade

We are prepping our students for the upcoming SBAC tests which will begin in mid-April. Preparations and studies for our Wax Museum project will begin in April as well, with a community showcase on June 9th.

On May 17th, students will take a field trip to downtown Portland with the Portland Urban Tour Group.

We are wrapping up our Fraction Unit of Study in math.

4th Grade

Fourth Grade is so excited to have the BEF grant for outfitting our maker space approved! We are all rearranging our classrooms, giving our students multiple seating and workspace options. We are very thankful to the PTO for the grant you provided. Thank you!

5th Grade

5th grade is getting ramped up to go to Outdoor School in a few short weeks! We REALLY appreciate the support of PTO and the team of parents who helped us organize our paperwork, money, etc. we also want to thank PTO for the yummy lunch you provided before spring break. What a lovely treat that was!

Music:

5th/4th grade: trumpet for next 2 weeks. Students have been taught the basics of how to 'buzz' on their mouthpiece, how to play a C and a G, and now we are learning the fingerings for D,E,F. They'll have some time to choose and practice popular tunes from a packet I prepared. Next-ukulele.

K-3: xylophone technique. I have really enjoyed teaching this unit. It's helping our playing, making it musical and fun to listen to (instead of loud!) The kids are great listeners and participate even when tasks are challenging. We've learned tunes, and are working on playing accompaniments. We're also doing a bit of composing and transcribing (2nd/3rd) in preparation for a unit later in the year where students work in small groups and use these skills.

K/1: singing, moving, melodic contour.

Many thanks PTO! Wonderful picnic lunch prior to spring break.

Counseling:

Kindergarten: Integrity and Making Good Choices

1st grade: Coping with Life Changes

2nd grade: Perseverance

3rd grade: Dealing with Stress

4th grade: Growth Mindset

5th grade: Career Research