

JACOB WISMER PTO MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2023 - 6:00-7:00pm (Zoom)

ATTENDEES

Laurie Huntwork, Wendy Bernard, Allison Guilfoyle, Pallavi Agrawal, Cara Coates, Courtney Austermilller, Sunny Lucich, Helen Thornbill, Annie Boek

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

PALLAVI

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

LAURIE/WENDY:

Thankful for all the staff appreciation last week and this week so far!

State Testing (Currently 3-5 grades are testing):

English Language Arts (CAT & Performance test)

Math (CA & Performance Test)

5TH Grade: will also do Science

Received results today on 5th grade placement testing for next year

***Congratulations to Wendy on her new Principal position at Terra Linda Elementary!
She will be missed!***

TEACHER/PARENT LIAISON REPORT

ALLISON GUILFOYLE:

Updates from the Teachers (Kindergarten-5th grade)

[Notes attached at end]

UPDATES

PALLAVI:

Have someone who will fill the Member-at-Large PTO Board Position for 2023-2024

FROM THE TEACHERS

A BIG thanks to the PTO for providing dinner for the staff. We are looking forward to being spoiled again this week. Thanks for providing a delicious breakfast.

KINDERGARTEN:

Spring is so exciting in Kindergarten! Pieces to puzzles are falling into place.

We have begun exploring earthworms, vermiculture and composting. We will continue studying the needs of plants and animals with a ladybug habitat study, informational writing, increase our reading strength and a deep dive into story problem solving strategies. Our study of our ancestors and identity is on-going as do our practices surrounding respect, self-reliance, self-discipline. Thank you for supporting the kindergarten inquiry through funds and good vibes!

FIRST GRADE:

First graders are starting their last science unit of the year. We will be exploring the science of plants. We are doing a quick poetry unit and wrapping up our social studies unit where each classroom learned about neighborhoods, cities and had the opportunity to name a city, create a flag and also decide what kinds of buildings would go in the city and within each neighborhood. Each student built one 3 dimensional building as an engineering project. They did a fantastic job.

Our Flat First graders are starting to make their way back to us from their travels in the US. We have some that flew around the world, we should hear back from them before school is out. This has been a highlight for the students.

First graders have also been preparing for a Tea party. Mrs. Jacobsen has been reading them stories about manners and walking them through small talk & at the end, they will be invited to a tea party where they will be served and we will see how their manners and small practice has paid off.

SECOND GRADE:

Math - We've begun our unit Ages and Timelines (Adding and Subtracting with Bigger Numbers). In this unit students will explore addition and subtraction strategies with larger numbers (up to 1,000). They will look for which strategy would be the most efficient given the numbers. Strategies included in this unit are: jumping to landmark numbers, adding on, removal, and constant difference. Students will work to share their math thinking, as well as hone skills to make their math clear and easy to understand.

Our next math unit will be Arrays and Geometry.

Reading - We are finishing up our unit: Series Book Clubs. At the end of this unit students will celebrate by creating a movie poster about their book.

Then, we will begin a unit called Nonfiction Book Clubs. Small groups will read books on the same topic, and talk to each other about their subject. They will continue to work on foundational reading skills such as fluency and decoding. They will also be working on building vocabulary within their topic, as well as finding the main idea and using text features.

Writing - We have circled back to Personal Narrative Writing. The focus of this unit will be to expand on skills students practiced previously this year. We hope that they've grown as writers and can now master writing narrative stories that include dialogue, literary language, vivid details, thoughts/feelings, etc.

After this we will work on returning to Nonfiction writing which will include: How To Writing, Informational Writing, and Narrative Nonfiction.

Health - We will complete the following health units: Unit 5-When I Feel Afraid and Unit 6-Babies and How You Grew. We will also be completing the state mandated Erin's Law. These sensitive health units will begin May 15th.

Science - We will be diving into our last units: Plants and Animals (Life Science) And, as you might know, we have tadpoles! Our plant unit focuses on plant growth and habitat, seed dispersal, and adaptation. The animal unit focuses on animal biodiversity, habitats, and classification. Since we have so many tadpoles, several families picked some up during conferences to enjoy at home!

SEL: Kindness in the Classroom: Unit 6: Courage: We will complete this unit in June. The Courage Unit is the last unit in this series. It focuses primarily on giving students strategies to help them feel and act courageously even when it is not easy or popular. We want students to realize that they show courage when they make good choices for

themselves and when they help others. As with other units, we hope to connect the concepts in this unit back to kindness, which is integral throughout the Series.

THIRD GRADE:

We have finished our Reading and Writing portion of State Testing and we will begin Math next week

Reading – We are continuing our character studies.

Writing – We have been reviewing expository and persuasive papers for state testing.

Math - Almost finished with our fraction unit.

Social studies – We have been studying Oregon’s natural resources.

Health – Erin’s Law

FOURTH GRADE

They are working on:

- Graphic novel writing
- OSAS ELA performance Task
- Multiplication
- Historical fiction reading

FIFTH GRADE

grade is getting very excited for the end of the year fun that is coming our way. Finishing state testing in math and science over the next few weeks. Fantasy book clubs and newberry projects in reading. Space unit in science. Health at the end of the month.