

ANCHOR PTO

GENERAL MEETING 02.19.20 MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:35 P.M.

Welcome & Introductions

Following attendees: John Lockard, Chrissy Hladky, Sarah Hunt, Becky Cudini, Craig McCalla, Sheri Ackerman, Johnna Coleman, Kate Hoffman, Kate Cardenas, and Katy Baller

Update from Craig

- NWEA testing is finished. This was the 2nd of 3 rounds throughout the year. This testing is nationally recognized and allows the school to qualify for funding.
- Students are learning how to be respectful and responsible through organization and taking care of their things.
- The leadership committee is holding a Milk Drive. Money collected will benefit students at Anchor and Beacon. The class that collects the most money will receive extra recess time.
- The Hall of Heroes will recognize Women's History next.
- Upcoming assemblies will recognize Martin Luther King Jr. and his mission.
- The story of Ruby Bridges was read to students. The book taught the lesson of doing the right thing against adversity.
- March is Reading Month will have an A to Z theme. Students will not submit tickets for time read, but 20 minutes every night is suggested. If students would like to record their reading, there will be an optional log available. Mr. McCalla will jump into a pool with his clothes on as a reward for lots of reading throughout the month of March. Students will participate in A-Z Jeopardy to kick off March is Reading Month. More door decorator would be appreciated.
- Young 5 and Kindergarten info meeting 2/25
- Art Night 2/28, more volunteers would be appreciated.
- In light of the recent event in Saline, Anchor recognizes this can happen anywhere and work still needs to happen for prevention. Staff and leaders are doing a lot of work in regard to this and the Avalon housing project to be sure the best is being done for the district and students.
- The books on diversity are expanding in the library to make the collection of books as inclusive as possible. Craig and Alice have been working for year to make there are diverse authors, lead characters, illustrators, etc. are all represented in the library.
- When a book is read by Mr. McCalla to a class, that book is added to the class' library.
- Designs for the Anchor and Beacon shirts have been selected. They will be similar in design. One with an anchor and the other with a beacon. There will be a color option and they will be tech shirts. There may be another non-school specific shirt available.

Volunteer Update

- All doors have at least one decorator.
- Their will be supplies available for door decorators to collect at Art Night.
- Art Night still looking for more volunteers.
- There are signs and fliers colored/decorated by the students that will be sent out.

Upcoming Events & New Business

- Families will be able to shop the Book Fair when they are in the schools for Kindergarten registration on 3/25 and 3/26.
- Around the World in 80 minutes is 4/24. Argentina, China, and Hungary featured this year with the hopes for more countries in the years to come. They currently have the volunteers needed for the event.
- STEM Night is 4/17. It is a combined event with Beacon. This is the second year we are combining, challenges from the first year of combining have been addressed. The student volunteers and experiment list have been set. 12 different stations, many of the groups coming are bringing staff to run their stations. In the next couple weeks, a sign-up for open spots for current stations and new stations will be sent. In the week leading up to the event practice for estimation will be done with the students along with some experiment previews. STEM Night takes place on Michigan Statewide Astronomy Night, theming to go with this will be present.
- Box Tops collection ends 3/1.
- Tea Clothing is offering to donate 10% of sale to Anchor if you enter a specific code when ordering. The link/code is on the Anchor Families Facebook page.
- An Airtime and/or Aubree's Dine-To-Donate may be set for 3/13, a ½ day. If so, info will be sent home.

Budget Update

- Teachers continue to use their small grants.
- Zap Zone fundraiser collected slightly more than predicted.