

ANCHOR PTO

GENERAL MEETING 01.15.20 MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Welcome & Introductions

Following attendees: John Lockard, Timea Lockard, Chrissy Hladky, Sarah Hunt, Becky Cudini, Craig McCalla, Sheri Ackerman, Becca Tsallis, Melissa Karjala, and Katy Baller

Update from Craig

- Getting ready for 2020-2021 Young 5's and Kindergarteners. There is an informative meeting on 2/25 at 6:00 P.M.
- Anchor Staff has been encouraging and practicing good hygiene to ward of illness.
- Report cards for the first half of the year will be sent home Friday, January 24
- NWEA testing has begun. This is the 2nd of 3 rounds throughout the year. This testing is nationally recognized and allows the school to qualify for funding.
- The Hall of Heroes will recognize African Americans in January and February in observance of Black History Month in February. The Hall of Heroes rotates every 2 months.
- Upcoming assemblies will recognize Martin Luther King Jr. and his mission.
- Author, Maria Dismondy will be visiting. She is a character writer specializing in challenges children face.
- March is Reading Month will have an A to Z theme. Teachers will choose letter for their classrooms. Doors will be decorated; a sign-up will be sent looking for decorators.
- Now that Anchor and Beacon are under one roof, the funding method has changed, and we will receive more funding. A plan for this additional funding is to hire an intervention person to share between both schools

Grant Proposals

Project Title: March is Reading Month - APPROVED

Amount of Request: \$1200 Overview: Giving each class a book during the four weeks of March is Reading Month. Grades of Students Affected: All grades. Number of Students Affected: Total student body.

Project Title: Kindergarten Worm & Compost Project 2020 - APPROVED

Amount of Request: \$807.45 Overview: Annual worm/composting project. In addition to the worms and books about compost (which have been requested/received the last 3 years), teachers are requesting specialized compost bins/containers. These containers will add more benefits and opportunities to learn from during this unit. Grades of Students Affected: Kindergarten Number of Students Affected: 110

Upcoming Events & New Business

- For March is Reading Month, storyteller Cynthia Furlong will be visiting the students.
- Cookies & Books will kick off the book fair on Friday, 3/20. This will be a combined event with Beacon, but the book fairs will remain separate. The book fair will take place through the following and end Thursday.
- APTO is looking for a person to shadow the current lead of the book fair (she is a 2nd grade parent) so they may take over next year.
- New t-shirt design discussed. Similar designs for both schools swapping an Anchor or Beacon. Integrating the school's slogans/chants.
- Lost & Found donation process discussed. More communication for donation date and a longer grace period after the school closes for breaks. Sharing Beacon's L&F photos with Anchor on FB, as Anchor students spend some time in shared spaces or Beacon.
- Art Night is 2/28, it will be a joint event with Beacon.
- Discussion to change Kalahari to a different date. We always go the Thursday after Christmas during winter break, this is New Year's Eve.
- If no snow days, the 100th day of school will be February 10th.

Budget Update

Doing well compared to last year. Many teachers have been using their small grants.