

PAC MEETING MINUTES
March 1st, 2016

In Attendance: Kelly Darnell, Mollie Pugh, Karlin Sprecher, Ashley Bickerstaff, Colleen O'Quinn, Gerri Lewis, Rachel Thesing, Robin Arnold

Team Leader Report - 2nd Grade Teachers

2nd grade is a bridge year between elementary and secondary.

In 2nd grade they are working on responsibility as well as social and emotional growth.

Reading/Writing is using the F & P phonics program that is more interactive and the use of the workshop model as a form of instruction.

Penguin's research – read non-fiction – teach strategies of how to use non-fiction

The main focus of Math is fact fluency and solidifying those foundation skills.

Using Addition and subtraction strategies as opposed to traditional algorithms.

The main unit is Science is on sound. Students will be making their own instruments and will determine how sound is produced. Can they change the pitch and volume and explain how.

The Social Studies focus is on the celebration of monuments and they are encouraging kids to find them over spring break. The questions asked are does it honor a person, place, event or a belief.

Treasurer Report - Janet Yeomans

The PAC budget continues to be on target. Field trips have begun to take place so we are seeing an increase in our expenses.

Coffee for classrooms brought in a little over \$600 for the month of January.

Cultural Enrichment Update - Mollie Pugh

The Foreign Language Program started last week.

There are 67 kids signed up which brings the program past the break-even limit.

The registration forms for cultural celebration went home on Friday. The Cultural Celebration will be Friday the 8th of April from 10:30-1:30. There will be 2-3 classrooms at a time. Exhibits will stamp the "passports" provided. There is a sign up genius for volunteers going out after spring break.

Communications - Gerri Lewis

Still having trouble with PAC newsletter coming through to everyone. We need to announce the slate of the new officers by April 9th.

There will be a flier in Friday folders and an email blast regarding the need for officers.

Enrichment – Ashley Bickerstaff

Square 1 ART program is underway. This is not a fundraiser but rather a chance to have a keepsake of your children's art.

An inventory of the ice skates has taken place and 20 pairs were discarded with 107 pairs that are in good enough shape to keep. Almost all of them need new laces.

The school needs more pairs with cam lever buckles.

Ashley Bickerstaff will contact the PE teachers to see what the overall need is for the skates.

Principal Report – Robin Arnold

The Polar Plunge raised \$1,023.11 for special Olympics mostly as a result of personal asks. The team won best costume.

We still need 3 volunteers for this Friday's walk/wheel to school day.

The School has just launched a new game called soft lacrosse with a set of rules developed by 5th graders. This game and equipment is open to all grades.

The NED show assembly is coming up next Monday March 7th at 2pm.
The premise is how to be an UP-stander not a bystander.

There is a Jimmy Johns student of the week and Jimmy Johns teacher of the month where the winner receives free lunch.

A capital request is in the process for choir shirts in the amount of \$390-\$570.

Every event is and can be on the parent only calendar of the schools website
Please review the website as it addresses most issues/concerns

Update on stem:

The Stem Expo had a good response from the community.

Coding was the focus in 1st 2nd and 3rd grade

5th grade had their own STEAM night followed by movie/pizza.

The presenters included the Friends of the Avalanche Center, the Children's Museum steam lab, Engineers without Borders, Project Wet and local area Search & Rescue dogs.

The next STEM will take place the last Monday and Tuesday of March.

New Business/Announcements – Kelly Darnell

The Book Fair will be held April 5th-8th with the Carnival on June 3rd.

Parents brought up at meeting the idea of moving lunch to after recess. Robin will follow up on the feasibility.