

PAC MEETING MINUTES
April 5th, 2016

In Attendance: Kelly Darnell, Mollie Pugh, Sara Schwerin, Colleen O'Quinn, Gerri Lewis, Rachel Thesing, Robin Arnold, Whitney Todd, Bradi Chapman, Libby Hansen, Janet Yeomans, Anne Gibson

Team Leader Report – 1st grade

Progress Project based learning is the main focus. Each student will be working at his or her own level.

They are using place value games with 2nd grade mentoring the process, as this is one of the most difficult concepts for the kids.

Team Leader Report – Kindergarten

There is more science and art enrichment on a monthly basis.

MOSS, Drumming, Emerson Native American artists, Science with worms or ladybugs are some examples.

The team has utilized Nancy DeWolf and is integrating art standards into the curriculum. PAC money has been used to buy art supplies that can be used year to year. It is not just a matter of art activities but instead implementing art into the curriculum. Art is important and a focus in kindergarten.

The kindergarten team would like to expand their art request next year to incorporate additional ideas.

PAC Elections – Kelly Darnell/Colleen O'Quinn

The proposed slate of officers is as follows:

Co-president A – Sara Schwerin

Co-president B – Kelly Darnell

Treasurer – Steve Schulz

Secretary – Colleen O'Quinn

A suggestion was made to put the availability of PAC officer positions in all newsletters. Work harder next year to recruit parents of younger kids.

The Parent Liaison, Libby Hansen, recommended making announcements at thriving kinders to engage new parents.

PAC is still struggling with getting parents involved.

There was also discussion to make a PAC presentation part of the open house assembly next year when you have parents present and attentive.

A suggestion was made to provide a sign up sheet at the open house outside classrooms as well as a slide show at the open house assembly.

Sara Schwerin will work with Renee Fulsom to do a 1 page marketing piece/slide For PAC so that there is great awareness of what PAC actually does.

Communications – Gerri Lewis

We do not need to have our own PAC website but instead will have a tab on Morningstar 's website.

Gerri Lewis will work with Janet Yoemans and Julianne Williams to get the PAC website down by the end of the year.

Principal Report – Robin Arnold

Working on brainstorming volunteer thank you ideas to show gratitude for the numerous hours of time donated. There is a database that is added to all year long. Volunteer appreciation day on April 20th.

There will be a banner with all volunteer names listed that will be hung on April 20th. Names will continue to be added after that and the banner will be hung again at carnival.

There is a new non-profit volunteer database. Morningstar may be a test site for the software.

The cultural celebration sign up has been updated. Kudos to Molly Pugh for all of her hard work. A suggestion was made that we move towards a committee approach for next year so that the work is more evenly distributed.

STEM was a great 6 days this year. This gave the staff an opportunity to have 6 hours to collaborate.

PAC board has agreed that walk and wheel would only happen 6 times next year. This will be activity based with much less focus on dressing up. There will be no bike rodeo this year. This event will now be an every other year event.

Cultural celebration – Mollie Pugh

There are 15 stamper slots still open so volunteers are still needed.

4-15 student leaders are still also needed.

Set up is from 10:00-10:30.

