

Pittsfield PTO Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018

Present

Aaron Kraft
Carol Shakarian
Dawn Keech
Diana Cass
Shannon Ellis

Karen Hulsebus
Jeff Irwin
Katie Loomis
Patricia Memmott
Kelly Pfeifer
Jason Prince

Nathan Richards
Peri Stone-Palmquist
Ms. Duman
Ms. Killewald
Ms. Villaneuva

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by Aaron Kraft

Introductions

Teacher Presentation – Jen Duman and Barb Killewald - 1st Grade

- Core 5, personalized reading program. Started in December. Take an initial assessment, then curriculum is personalized based on that. Pacing based on student. Teacher alerted when student is struggling, so they can provide more personalized assistance. Teachers are seeing this curriculum accelerate learning. This is supplemental reading help of 20-80 minutes a week. Ms. Duman said she has noticed that Core 5 identifies gaps that may have not been noticed before (even for students who may be above grade level). This has also improved computer literacy skills, which will help with standardized tests. Aaron asked that all passwords be posted on take-home folders to keep things organized.

Principal's Report

- MSTEP season is starting. 3rd grade is down to 2 tests (3.5 hours). 4th grade 2 sessions (3.5). 5th grade has ELA, math, social studies and pilot of science (5.25 over multiple days). Each session is about half day, about 2.5 hours. Extra breaks are built in those days.
- Climate survey is coming out April 3-17. Parents are asked to fill this out. Students, grades 3-5, take a survey online, as well.
- School be sending out a survey about family's intentions for school next year to help with staffing.
- We will be seeking input for 2018-2019 school year on teacher placement. Don't know what sections we'll have next year. We do plan to do Young 5s again.
- The Listen & Learn tour is coming back. The superintendent will be coming to local schools to learn about our priorities, dreams. Not organized for our school. There is an online "thought exchange" to give feedback. Katie Loomis will follow up on whether one is planned for Pittsfield.
- April musical concerts coming up.

Staff Appreciation

Lindsey Wolfe and Kelly Pfeifer working on this together.

President's Report

Aaron Kraft and Dawn Keech

- Thanks to Jen Duman for work on Restaurant Nights. Chili's, 17-24
- Aaron got a glimpse of Soren Stone-Palmquist's Maze Runner. They set up a model in backyard.
- Last year, we started covering lunch fines and library fees. Ms. Schreck and Ms. Wales are the contact people. Peri will reach out and get that number.
- Aaron thanked folks who have filled in. Thanked all the executive committee and others.
- Need Co-President
- Aaron is interested in doing fundraising chair with someone else.
- Kelly and Peri will work on drafting language for amending the by-laws, and will work with Dawn to provide proper notice. Katie reminded us to get agenda and minutes in Monday message.
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PTOC Report (Katie Loomis)

- Shared about the Listen & Learn. Katie will send give us online survey link for newsletter and Monday message. Discussed increasing high school graduation and decreasing suspensions.

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Treasurer's Report (Nathan Richards)

- Income is \$3,827 in January and expenses were \$1,953.
- Received nearly \$2,000 from PTO Thrift Shop.
- Nearly \$700 for pizza kits but expenses were \$520, so we netted only \$138. (Net budget was \$500.)
- Classroom grants went up, perhaps thanks to letter out about teacher grants.
- Jeff volunteered to promote Kroger, etc. Aaron had done a video and flyer. 5 free tickets for signing up at ICS. Lindsey has a flyer.
- Aaron requested a detailed report on teacher grants for next meeting. Nate will send a reminder out before the end of year.
- Noted that Ice Cream Social is budgeted to have income of \$6,000, expenses of \$2,500 with a net of \$3,500.

Open Discussion

- None

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.