

Pittsfield PTO Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by Lindsey Wolfe

Present

Anne Wizauer, Aaron Kraft, Shannon Lauer, Jen Duman, Carol Shakarian, Lindsey Wolfe, Anthony Lauer, JoAnn Parkus, Teresa Maldonado, Tina Gould, Kerri Mose

Teacher Presentation

Shannon Lauer 3rd/4th Grade

- Motivating to excel can be a challenge, coasting is comfortable for students
 - Weekly grade report creates connection, accountability and introduction to letter grades
 - Weekly writing homework exercise
 - Extra practice for a tough skill
 - Strengthens sustained writing
 - Taught and completed in class first then sent home to be done on a weekly basis
 - Both weekly activities feed into teaching life lessons and developing skills for future years
- Personal narrative publishing, the finished book inspires the time investment
- Demonstration of Glogster – a creative collage app used on the iPad

Principal's Report

Carol Shakarian

- Winter Dance was a big hit, especially the photo station
- Thank you to everyone who assisted and came to NAAPID
 - 124 families were represented (50%)
 - Small message presentations were received well
 - Thank you to Shannon Lauer for taking the lead
- Kindergarten and Young 5 Round-up this week on February 11 at 6:30pm
- Disability Workshop is coming up for 4th graders at the end of February

President's Report

Lindsey Wolfe

- Thank you to Jen Duman for two (CPK ~ \$200 and Chipotle \$208) great restaurant nights!
- Thank you to Nicky Geyer for a wonderful Winter Dance!
- Thank you to Marquita Casey-Oden for a successful pizza kit sale!
- Thank you to Shannon Lauer for organizing NAAPID!
- Kindergarten Round-Up: Thursday at 6:30pm
- March Is Reading Month (March 4: author Kelly Dipucchio)
- Disability Workshop – need volunteers
- Fun Run – May 6th, April 14th Kick-off assembly
 - Lindsey is looking for help
- Most ICS chairs in place – still need Teacher Raffle Chair
 - Co-coordinators will be Dawn Keech and Sara Richards

Approve Consent Agenda

- Motion to approve by Anne Wizauer and seconded by Jen Duman
- No discussion
- All in favor, passed

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Treasurer's Report

Anthony Lauer

- \$18,734 net balance, -\$1,077 for last month
 - Paid WESO \$175 organization fee
 - NAAPID spent \$333
 - 5th Grade Camp installment paid, \$2800 collected to date
- 50% of teacher grant money has been claimed
- \$80 income made from Winter Dance with photo fees going to Marj for the Yearbook Club
- \$520 raised from the Pizza Kit fundraiser
- Ordering new pop-up canopy to replace well used one
- Approved funds for Dawn Monroe to purchase manipulatives for her classroom
- The new square reader will no longer work on our device, but can attach to anyone that has the app installed and meets the minimum technology requirements
- Kindles and gift cards need to be inventoried
 - Survey will be set-up to assess current use and future needs
 - Would be good to have a point admin person for the Kindles to interface with the teachers,
- Gaga pit is on hold as the bond group formation may result in playground funds for Pittsfield

PTOC Report

Anthony Lauer/Anne Wizauer

- District wide bond committee groups are forming in seven areas
 - Athletic Fields and Facilities, Auditorium Upgrades, Classroom Furniture, Musical Instruments, Playgrounds, Security, and Technology
- Special Education millage and funding discussion
- Assessing Assessments panel discussion
 - Many types aimed at supporting student learning and identifying changes to curriculum

Open Discussion

- Movie Night on Friday – Minions
- Inventory of any remaining food and beverages in the PTO closet is needed
- New front door locking procedure seems to be going smoothly, no known complaints
- Concerns about the impact of the primary election day being on a school day
- Thank you to all of the hard working volunteers that make our PTO successful

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm