

PTO Meeting minutes – February 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

Present: Jill Priestley, Anthony Lauer, Lindsey Wolfe, Samina Barritt, Teresa Maldonado, Kelly Brecken, Craig Brecken, Jen Duman, Korinna Kasara, Marj Lamoreaux, Leigh Sanderson, Tina Gould, Steve Gutierrez, Carol Shakarian

Teacher Presentation – Mr. Steve Gutierrez

- 20 years at Pittsfield
- 48 students – 20% of school population
- 58% of those Spanish (Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica)
- 16% Arabic – 8 students
- 5 Vietnamese students
- Breakdown by class:
 - K – 11
 - 1st – 9 (Torrey – 8, Hahn –1)
 - 2nd – 8
 - 3rd – 7
 - 4th – 5
 - 5th - 10
- 8 – 11 in class, 5 have Title II
- If no English, need 5 – 7 years in program (social, academic, language)
- District 10% of total student population (65 languages)
- King, Lawson, Mitchell, Clague, Scarlett, Tappan
- Huron is highest
- Top languages:
 - Spanish 26%
 - Chinese 15%
 - Arabic 13%
 - Japanese 11%
 - Korean 8%
- Bilingual Tutor, Title III – Wanda Torres-Zamora

Principal's Report

- Count Day – 246 students
- NAAPID – 20th annual – 146 approx. attended
- Thursday – K Round-Up – 6:30 Media Center
 - Visiting Art and classrooms
- 70th Anniversary banner in hallway soon, may be available for purchase
- Continuing the Conversation with Dr. Swift
 - Various locations, tonight at Scarlett

Yearbook – Marj Lamoreaux

- Cover selected by Marj and Ms. Shakarian
- Requested \$200 for Yearbook Club (14)

Hats
T-shirts
Folders, supplies, dance background
Leftover to use towards camera
Fundraiser (Holiday pictures \$400 avg. – Winter Dance \$118

President's Report

- K Round-Up
- March is Reading Month – March 12 – Matt Faulkner
- K-2 and 3-5 assembly
- Stars for every 20 minutes read (in and out of class)
- Disability workshop – Lidia Kraft
May be on hold for this year, big task to visit all AA schools
- ICS chairs in place – Dawn, Lee, Jill

Winter Dance – Lindsey Wolfe

- Nicky Geyer and ? will co-chair
- Volleyball and basketball teams showed up at 6
Ms. Parkus and Tina Gould resolved issue
- \$100 earned

Treasurer Report – Anthony Lauer

- \$15900 checking and savings
- \$10000 money market
- \$5000 savings
- \$782 earned in January
- Taxes filed in December to maintain 501-c3 status
- 5th grade camp - \$1800
- Elevation Burger and Panera restaurant nights - \$250
- \$870 – Box Tops

PTOC – Lindsey Wolfe

- Continue the Conversation with Dr. Swift
Student achievement and enrollment up
Video at A2 schools about:
Strengthens enrollment
Quality of professional development
Low attendance
Tech bond
Music
Some concerns:
Staff, technology pros and cons
“Equality is not Equality”
Catching kids before fall
Teacher evaluations
More world language in elementary

Behavior management
Drop in suspensions at High School/Middle school levels

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm