

PTO Meeting minutes – October 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

Present: , Samina Das Barritt, Jenn Carlson, Shaun Harrison, Deanna Kempke, Amy Pufahl, Amy Penoyar, Carol Shakarian, Beth Loomis, Tina Gould, Jill Priestley, Fran Steele, Suzanne Wu, Marj Lamoreaux, Shannon Lauer, Grainne Redmond

General Meeting

Teacher Presentation- 2nd grade teacher, Shannon Lauer:

- Writing handout for 2nd grade
- “Writing for readers” – Make it interesting – sounds, feelings, dialogue
- Ralph Fletcher – young writers “edge of waterfall” setting, action
- Class website – <http://lauer101.blogspot.com>
- Char Gengler (2nd grade) and Shannon Lauer on tech committee
- Instead of centers, Daily 5 in during guided reading, consists of:
 - Listening, getting started, working whole time, whisper reading, staying in one place, building stamina
- Pairing kind 2x week – interactive reading, reading buddies, scaffold learning

Principal’s Report

- Count day, October 5 (moved back a week)
- New enrollee this week
- MEAPS – Read and math 3rd thru 5th, 4th writing, 5th science testing. Proficiency rates will look different, test just as rigorous. Changes in 2014?
- 4th & 5th – U of M MindSet program for teacher recommended students.
- NWEA – K thru 5th tested, new for students and staff, immediate scores, parents are questioning.
- November 9/10 – Hosting auditors from Michigan Department of Education for Title I. Routine visit, last came in 2007.

Business Meeting

SIT – Beth Loomis

- Title I meeting preparation – info on direction for school

Secretary’s Report- Samina Das Barritt

- Minutes from June 2010 meeting presented. Deanna Kempke moved to approve. Wanda Perez seconded, minutes passed.

Treasurer’s Report- Suzanne Wu

- Provided treasurer report handout
- Shannon Lauer iPad request using teacher grant plus additional monies. Deferred, decision after development of policy for technology purchases.
- Jenn Carlson – deadline of October 21 for October 28 publish date.
- Fall Fest – Fran Steele

- Fun Run – November 4th, early pledge deadline October 28th, goal of \$350 per class, \$30 per student. Fees of \$1750, school goal \$4200- Crazy hair day – November 22

Family picture days – Marj Lamoreaux

- November 9, 11, 29, December 1, 8
- 3 – 20 minute appointments per hour, \$20 per sitting
- 45 families

Reading Rally – Jonathan Rand assembly - \$1000

- March 22, 10am – Michigan Chillers – 1 hour presentation, 1st – 5th

President's Report

- Donation drive complete
- Jinah Kim (Aaron) coordinating 5th grade camp
- Winter dance prep

Amy Pufahl motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:10 pm, seconded by Deanna Kempke