

April 3, 2012

PTO minutes

Attendees: Chelly Maniuszko, Crissy Malouf, Joe Muth, Holly Busch, Sheryl Thomas, Carrie Tunkey, Linda Gallie, Amanda Valentine, Stephanie Cunningham, Shakiera Helenic, Christy Burkhard, Mrs. Minor, Pamela Barnhill, Patrice Metzler, Sandhya Doane, Suzy Collins, Whitney Crutchley, Heather Fuentes, Deanna Labella, Carrie Cunningham, Sarah Chicarello

Meeting called to order – 8:07 hours

Karen Odden – Taste of SSKY was an awesome night. It showed that a lot of work went into it. Karen nominates Leigh Medieros as volunteer coordinator for the 2012-2013 year. Room applauds. Leigh volunteered to take this volunteer job on.

Jennifer Minor – echo what Karen said – it was wonderful and a great community builder. Teachers/parents everyone had a great time! It would be great to get everyone's names to include in a big thank you. We are gearing up for statewide AIMS testing. A lot of focus on that. Today, Ms. Schopfer and Ms. Smith are training our teachers on the National Common Core. Looking at master schedule for next year. Class placements are in two weeks. It is the busy time of year. Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> days of AIMS.

Deanna Labella & Sarah Chicarello – thank you so much on the start up funds. We have received several comments from teachers. We are buckling down to prepare the students to AIMS. It is an exciting time – we appreciate your support. Kindergarten and all primary were real happy for the 2<sup>nd</sup> start up fund. Taste of SSKY was very elegant and neat.

Karen – sent out PTO minutes for March. Motion to approve: Stephanie 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve: Sandy Meris. All approved – unamounious.

**New Business** – Katie Corkle grant \$130 interactive software for smartboards. Karen – want to suggest purchasing now and letting Katie play with it now. If it is really useful- purchase it for the SKY lab as well. Carrie Tunkey – I think the enrichment class will go well. Joe Muth- motion to approve. Heather – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion – all approved.

The Pond – it is being under utilized. We spend around \$2000 a year to maintain it. If the teachers wanted to use the pond with the new microscopes – it may be more utilized in the future. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade uses it a lot. When the weather is nice – it is used more often. Is Debbie Arn committed to doing an enrichment class – with the microscopes? Carrie – at this point I am not sure. Sarah – I will create something to send to teachers. Crissy – there is one key per grade level. Jennifer – remind the grade level who has the key.

Motion to approve contract for 1 more year – Whitney Crutchley. 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephanie Cunningham. All approved.

Smart Boards & Now Boards. Joe Muth – we have received 3 NOW boards. Megan Bird is going to try to reevaluate with it. Now Schopfer, Karpen and Squier are trying to use them. Again – the reaction so far is possibly works better for primary grades. Wii remote and using it in place of a pen to write. Other than that the now boards at \$500 are working well. Crissy Malouf – there are some informational classes on iPads and Chrome books –based on these classes we should be careful and be cautious about what we purchase. Joe - Technology is changing every week. We need to do our research and make sure we have the best bang for our buck. Perhaps we should slow down and purchase in the fall.

Whitney – Technology Recommendation Committee to decide how to utilize the money from the Silent Auction:

Joe Muth- chairperson, Corkle, Squier, Schopfer, Bird, Malouf, Amanda Frazee, Sandyha Doane and Heather Fuentes and Linda Gallie

The starting point is the surveys/wish lists from the teacher.

Motion to approve the committee – Deanna Labella. Amanda 2nds. All approved.

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Joe Muth – Treasurer \$36854.62 in account. All outstanding receipts need to be by Thursday for the Silent Auction.

Suzy Collins – account looks good. Need a counter – Chelly – will get Kindergarten parent to assist and follow through the rest of the year.

Stephanie – lunch today – Teachers –Woo Hoo. Staff appreciation coming up in May

Whitney – auction was amazing. Feedback was awesome – thanks to all that came. Thanks to the committee and everyone who supported it. I keep hearing nice things about it. We are working on getting all of the people’s invoices paid. Lori Ozment – employee from subzero wolf was amazing.

Chelly – no new news.

Holly and Sandy – Artwalk is coming up. Alicia Barker is chairing this committee. Last Thursday, Friday in April and Monday, Tuesday.

UPC – Wednesday – April 18<sup>th</sup>. Topic: How can parents impact education in the future. 10:15 am at the district office.

Sheryl – school cents – we will be signing up in the fall. Something we want to do again Paypal – setting it up for PTO. Make website for user friendly. EduKit – put together packages of the class lists for each grade level. It is a small fundraiser, but Sheryl cannot find out the percentage. Crissy – edukit has come to us for many years. The consensus was that we as a pto board decided to let people do individual shopping.

Make a small subcommittee to research hiring a webmaster. – Sheryl Thomas, Amanda Frazee, Isaac Fuentes.

Carrie Tunkey.

Linda Gallie – we have reached the limits at Frys – We will receive \$2000 from them. I think we should do both of the programs Frys & Fresh & Easy again next year.

Carrie Tunkey – Enrichment- back to school social – we will use credit cards.

Bookfair – Fall book fair – instead of taking the cash we took it all in credit. For the spring book fair do we take the cash or credit. Heather – we have \$2000 credit which will be used for the Spring book fair (for raffle winners and teacher baskets). We can take cash this fair. The percentage of taking credit is very high versus getting cash from the bookfair. Chelly – maybe take the cash and put it in the Magic Yellow School bus fund.