

November 1, 2011

In attendance:

Deanna Labella, Whitney Crutchley, Amanda Valentine, Joe Muth, Suzy Collins, Stephanie Cunningham, Lorilyn Kaatz, Holly Busch, Heather Fuentes, Karen Odden, Jennifer Minor, Crissy Malouf, Linda Gallie, Sandy Meris, Carrie Tunkey, Sarah Chicarello, Chelly Maniuszko

Meeting called to order 8:07 am

PTO President -Karen Odden: Thanks for the help with movie night. Coming up – Fresh & Easy November 16th

Presentation by Organic Mailbox – not here – Robert Northrup

Principal Remarks: Jennifer Minor –

Thanks for 11 teachers Common Core Standards. Preparing for future. Kindergarten implementing right now. Deanna Labella – the beginning is overwhelming. Mrs. Minor – what resources are needed? Get info ahead of the game.

Compass 2015 – Initiatives and student engagement. Different curriculum to meet diverse needs.

Conferences went very well. Currently enrollment is holding steady at 710.

Open enrollment ends January 20th.

iPad Room/PTO grant request:

Growth moving new classrooms purpose of room? Meet in room + discuss survey to staff.

Technology? Other room users – multi purposes technology – needs to be mobile (chrome vs iPad, what else?)

There will be an online calendar for use of the room. 32 iPads and covers charging cart, smart board (common area) projector in ceiling. Tables – 6 students at a circular table. **Deanna Labella** – Use of space? **Amanda Valentine** – what type of educational software and use of Adobe flash? **Mrs. Minor** – Accelerated Reader is not available on iPad. **Deanna Labella** – updates on RAZZ **Mrs. Minor** – 6 months Apple sync automatically download remotely. **Amanda Valentine** – nightmare iPad vs Chrome. **Mrs. Minor** – looking for different types of devices. Library staff – update technology cybersquad members. Questions: tax credit funds vs. PTO funds – We are in the process of looking at what is needed (RTI) – response to intervention. Read Naturally visited EMP want to keep funds available for what's necessary. **Joe Muth** – What's the goal for the purchasing dates? **Mrs. Minor** – We are looking at purchasing in November – goal is to have the technology physically here at the end of the semester. We want to do a technology evening. **Joe Muth** - what about having the technology in class so kids don't have to move? **Deanna Labella** – We get that older kids need technology first. **Joe Muth** – Equity in the building? Allowing all students equal opportunity? Laptop carts – what is the use of them? Why iPad vs notebook – what's the cost effectiveness? Parent night out – raise money for technology. **Mrs. Minor** – Parents see impact may help may. Ready to go there is teacher buy in. We have the blogging, flip cam training. Question - Tax credit funds – how far down the road are those projects? **Mrs. Minor** – by end of fiscal year \$29,000. Question – Not allocated to anything in particular. **Karen Odden** – Use tax credit for this and use funds raised in March (Silent Auction) for other projects. **Linda Gallie** – Tax credit can earn lots of money – we need a big push for collection. **Mrs. Minor** – this year the state has allowed tax credit monies to be utilized on soft capital (technology, software and books). Use ½ of last year's collection. **Amanda Valentine** – This is a rare opportunity – let's use it!!!! **Joe Muth** – Budget for March? What if the override doesn't pass? **Whitney Crutchley** – We need to

finalize the budget for the Silent Auction (\$2000 – 4000) to put event on table **Joe Muth** – Do we need to vote today? **Mrs. Minor**- We need to decide quickly. Let parents know and push for a tax credit. Based on the decision made by the PTO – it also needs to be approved through school council. **Chelly Maniuszko** – Why round tables when there are already rectangular tables in the room? Don't we have a smart board sitting in the laminating room? **Lorilynn Kaatz** – I am not sure the difference in tax credits? **Mrs. Minor** – I don't think there is enough to cover technology and character (Bucket Filler) projects. **Joe Muth** – I know there is a maximum of \$200 for singles or \$500 for married couples – can't someone just donate an iPad? **Karen Odden** – Yes – any person or company can purchase an item and "gift" it to the school. They will get a donation receipt – it is a tax donation – not a tax credit. **Chelly Maniuszko** – There is not a maximum amount on donations – any amount of gift is gladly accepted. **Karen Odden** – I think we should recognize on plaque on a wall in the room versus the computer. **Vote: Majority of PTO members present voted No to funding the grant at this time.**

Organic Mailbox – Robert Northrup

Stops unsolicited junk mail. This can be a fundraiser – we would need to decide of campaign and promote service by directing people to a URL. The company would create a web presence for SSKY. Each subscription cost \$34.95 for 5 years of service. \$10 goes back to school.

How it works: proprietary system – removes name from list savings still exist just need to go online. **Ama**

Approval of the minutes – Minutes approved unanimously

Updates –

Joe Muth – Treasurer's Report – checks will be computerized in this upcoming month. More efficient.

Suzy Collins – School Treasurer Report- need to get to additional people trained on counting grade level funds. Still have an issue with checks not being placed in envelopes in timely manner. Get 2 people trained to assist next year. Easier to have 2 people assisted for one person per grade level.

Meeting adjourned 9:43 am