

Aurora Quest K-8 PTA
April 12, 2016

6:03 pm Teri Dossey called the meeting to order.

Guest Speakers. The 5th grade teachers, Ms. Adair and Ms. Bousquet presented the latest happening in their classrooms. Writing has been focused on fiction, William and Mary curriculum and poetry books. Poetry books represent 17 styles, are published as hardbound books and presented in an Author's Tea with tri-fold boards. In Social Studies, they create a complete board game (rules, pieces, storage box) out of a blank board. Nugget as been training as a mobility partner service dog and only has a couple weeks left before he goes to his new owner. The kids head to Calwood on Monday, which is in Jamestown and a 1.5-2 hr bus ride. In Math the students pick from Math Menus which include song, plays and other methods to show their math knowledge. 5th grade operates on a classroom economy, where students need to apply for a job such police, secretary, banker, ambassador, lunch cart. They get paid for their jobs and then pay rent or buy a desk. They earn money for good behavior and homework and pay fines for repeated offenses. Extra money is spent on donated auction items. Enrichment money is used on the End of the Year auction. Ms. Bousquet will be running a summer engineering and tech summer camp for current 5th-6th graders from June 1-24 for a half day in the afternoons. Cost is \$180/student.

Gwen Alonzo motioned to approve March's minutes. Kim Pippenger seconded and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report. Year end is actually May 31 for the PTA. Nicole Diep went over the distributed financial spreadsheet. We still have open items for the Silent Auction. Forecast is expecting to bring in \$1,000 for the school supply fundraiser. Since we netted over \$50,000 last year, we triggered a new form for the IRS. We will have to file this form next year. Quest had less field trips this year, so PTA didn't pay for as much as forecasted. One reason is because it's harder to get a bus. Could use a charter company but that is significantly more money. We expect to carry over \$13,000 for next year. There is no limit to rolled amount that would jeopardize non-profit status.

Old Business. Skate City had 110 skaters and brought in \$247.50. USAgain contents goes through Friday April 15. Cici's Pizza night brought in \$140.35. Teacher's budget deadline is May 1. Setup Google drive for teacher's budget for easier submission. This can be self-sustained for future boards to use as well. Teri posed the question of whether we should do the school supply fundraiser this year and members were in favor. By-laws copies were sent out last meeting for review. The board presented proposed amendments. Amendments will be typed up and sent out by Friday through email, as well as posted to the PTA webpage. Members will vote on the by-laws at May's meeting.

New Business. Dairy Queen is Thursday from 3:00 – 7:00 pm. We need a Quest representative to be present at DQ from 3-6. Please let Kim Diggs know if you can help. All attendees are encouraged to wear your Quest shirt when you go to the DQ. Looking at doing a BBQ for volunteers as an appreciation meal. Looking at May 13 from 4:30-6:30. Motion by DJ Potter to allocate \$500 for main dish and tokens of appreciation. Seconded by Morgan Jarrett. All were in favor. Teri presented the idea of getting a Buddy Bench as a tangible award for kids for this year's fundraising efforts. Will come to May meeting with specifics. The Budget Committee meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on April 27 to discuss next year's budget. Will vote on outcome of meeting at May's PTA meeting with no discussion. Need new board members. Will accept late registration for PTA conference if we have volunteers now. Summer Bridge Learning workbook order forms will be sent out soon. The books help kids keep

knowledge over the summer. Samples will be in the office. Kim Pippenger gave an update on the community garden. Construction will start late summer/early fall. Student's picked out flower trays for their classroom's from Pickens and are taking care of them until the plant sale. Teacher Appreciation is coming up soon. Erinn Hill was to meet with her replacement. Michelle Hannawald will follow up on the status.

Principal Notes. PARC testing is going well. NJHS held the 4th- 5th grader dance which was a success. The NJHS students taught the younger students dances.

Robotics walk on. A Robotics team won the regional championship award – overall on all categories. They also won state and have been invited to the International Open in California. They need \$5000 to go. They have collected around \$800 through GoFundMe. The school can't put the GoFundMe in the newsletter due to legalities. It is \$490 for registration. Nicole Diep motioned to provide Robotics with \$2,000 to go towards the International Open costs. Becca Peters seconded the motion. All were in favor with some members choosing not to vote. There was discussion about the Robotics coming back in May if more funds were needed. A request was made to not revisit giving the group more funds in May since it is already a large amount for a small group of students.

Boxtops is not hitting goal for waterslide for field day. The slide would cost \$284. Decided we would provide a smaller waterslide for field day. Labels for Education program is being discontinued by Campbells please turn in all labels by May or we won't be able to use them.

The Hospitality Committee volunteered to do a potluck for Teacher Appreciation. Michelle Hannawald will hook DJ Potter up with the new chairperson to coordinate.

A drawing was had for all attendees to win a rain poncho. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.