

Aurora Quest K-8 PTA

March 8, 2016

6:05 pm Teri Dossey called the meeting to order and went over norms and mission statement.

Guest Speakers. The 3rd Grade teachers, Ms. Prewitt and Ms. Belitz presented the latest happening in their classrooms. Literacy consists of paired text, jr great books, Lucy Calkins genre studies. Math placement based on 2nd grade and Ms. Johnson's recommendations. Learning multiplication, division, subtraction and addition. Science units are water, solis, rocks and land forms. Took field trips to Aurora History Museum and DeLaney Farms. Social studies has covered communities, maps and US government. They had a Skype call with a father in the military on Veteran's Day. The Chief of a Fire Department and a CO Mammoth player were their readers for Read Across America Day. Third graders are buddied up with kindergarteners and read to their partners. Motioned by Ms Prewitt and Ms. Belitz to give \$100 per classroom for classroom library books. Becca Peter's seconded the motion. All were in favor. A list of books they would also like to have donated will be coordinated.

Ms. Reese had to leave early so we jumped out of order to let her speak. The obstacle course for Field Day needs to be reserved early as our usually vendor has sold out. Fun Services charges \$200 less then our regular vendor. The obstacle Reese wants, which allows for the older children to race, is \$990, which is \$394 extra then the regular budget. She has also been motiving by showing the kids the water slide that will be donated by Boxtops if they hit their goal.

Minutes were reviewed including the Amended January ones. Nicole Mahan motioned to amend the Februrary minutes to reflect that \$250 (opposed to \$300) was given to Read Across America. Gwen Alanzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chandra Doris motioned to approve the minutes. Tarro McCray seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report. Nicole Diep has been appointed as the new Treasurer. She walked through a three page handout showing budget, actuals and year end (June 31, 2016) forecast. Based on the forecast we are expecting to have \$49,191 brought in through fundraising by the end of the year. We brought in more than budgeted but costs were more as well. Although the auction brought in less then in previous years, it was still sucessful. Questions were posed whether the lack of classroom auction items and the change in auction date (spring opposed to fall) were part of the reason the profit was lower. All fundraising decisions for next year will be up to the new board. Last year we started with \$13,225 funds. We project to transfer \$7,852 to next year. Teacher's have until May 1st to spend classroom and enrichment money. Currently \$10,192 is currently remaining. Question was posed whether the \$100 requested from the 3rd grade teachers was on top of their classroom. It is. Enrichment is a flat \$15 per student per grade for all grades. Enrichment includes field trips. A question was posed if 5th grade can use remaining enrichment (\$840) for Calwood. Moving forward, the 5th grade can request a grant each year for Calwood. Morgan Jarrett will take on this effort for the next two years. Question was posed how much extra we have to play with for total PTA budget. We have around \$4,000 extra in expendable funds. Projecting around \$9,000.

Old Business. \$220 was brought in for Muffins for Moms. \$200 was brought in this month for Boxtops bringing us to around \$1,500. Goal is \$2,500. It costs \$299-399 to rent the waterslide. This incentive is not as motiving as Dave Schoenhal kissing a pig. Suggestion was made to have a teaser incentive if we don't make the goal. One reason we might not be getting as many boxtops is because they aren't on as many products. May not have waterslide and keep as a life lesson that they didn't make the mark. Read Across America ran out of cake and

prizes since the attendance was much greater than last year. Door decorating contest might have increased awareness and attendance.

New Business. Last Skate City of the year is on Thursday, with no school Friday. Copies of By-Laws were distributed for review and we will vote on them at the next meeting. USAgain next contest is March 15 – April 15 which is over Spring break. Sandy McClury came as a walk-on. Cost for Calwood this year is \$160/student and \$80/chaperon. School provided funds to drop the price to \$125/student. 5th graders have been selling 640 lollipops bought at \$160 to lower the cost about \$8/student. Sandy requested \$320 to offset the cost of chaperons to \$40/person. Nicole Mahan motioned to give \$320 to chaperons. Alexandria Armitage seconded the motion. All were in favor. Becca Peters motioned to give \$1160 to Calwood with the stipulation that the teachers use their remaining Enrichment first to alleviate this total. Morgan Jarrett seconded the motion. It was noted that this would bring the total from PTA and the school for Calwood to \$3220. Cindy Stroeber motioned to amend the original motion of \$1160 and cut it in half to make it \$580. Alexandria Armitage seconded the motion. All votes were for in favor. Some members did not vote. Nicole Mahan motioned to amend Ms. Reese's field day request from \$394 to \$290. All were in favor. A call was made for new board members for next year. Nicole Diep might stay on as Treasurer and Peter Gonzalez is also interested but the President, Vice President and Secretary positions will be open for sure. Cindy Stroeber motioned to temporarily change page 2 of the By-Laws to state that officers need to be elected in May instead of March. Michelle Hannawald seconded the motion. All approved.

Principal Notes. Casey Powell won Middle School Athletic Director of the Year so a big congrats out to all he does.

A drawing was had for all attendees to win spring flowers. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.