

Aurora Quest K-8 PTA Minutes

January 12, 2016

6:05 pm Teri Dossey called the meeting to order and went over norms and mission statement. Peter Gonzalez motion to approve the minutes. Cindy Stoeber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Guest Speakers. Ms. Morris and Ms. Garcia spoke about the 1st grade classrooms. In Literacy they are doing book bags and opinion writing. Math is hands on with discussions and explanations. In Social Studies they are studying holidays and celebrations which is now the 1st grade experience. After studying existing holidays, they create their own including an explanation of who celebrates and why. Poster boards are created and they have a holiday exhibit. Math manipulatives are needed in each classroom at \$100 per classroom. Chandra Doris motioned to approve \$100 per classroom for math manipulatives. Toro McCray seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Business. There wasn't a lot to report since January was a short month. The holiday store made about the same profit as last year. Our Chipotle fundraiser brought in \$307.53 which is 50% of the sales brought in. There were questions as to the location of our Chipotle's fundraiser. Teri explained that we aren't able to choose our location when setting up the fundraiser and that is where Chipotle's assigned us. Another question was asked about when the Kindergarten teachers will be rescheduled to speak Teri will follow up and we might have to double up on guest speakers. Kim Pippinger gave an update that a Community Garden grant may pay for 100% of the garden set up. The Leadership Committee is planning to have all students plant seeds and then sell the seedlings in the Spring. Kim requested \$120-240 for seeds. Morgan Jarrett requested that we look at the treasurer report before motioning.

Treasurer's Report. Our big payouts this month were \$4214 to the Integrity Fundraiser for the butterbraids and \$5431.95 to Fun Services for the Holiday Store. This is the portion of money collected from our fundraisers that is due back to the companies. Our current balance is \$30,472. A request was made to see the spreadsheet which was used last year to see how much money we have in our account after all the allocated funds.

Michelle Hannawald had to leave the meeting early and notes were then taken by Cathy Tranchetti.

Dave Schoenhals discussed reserving money for the outdoor classroom. A discussion was had whether to wait until February's meeting to vote on seeds. Boxtop money is coming. Becca Peters motioned to give \$240 for the seeds. Cindy Stoeber seconded the motion. All approved.

New Business. Katie Self was at the last auction meeting and gave an update for April Banaitis. They have tax exempt information if any one needs it for donations. We really need to be collecting donations and to be spreading the word about the silent auction. Teri brought up the idea of a Buddy Bench, a bench that would be decorated by the students and a place to sit if you were needing someone. Kids look for people sitting on the bench and then interact with them. Dave discussed ideas for an outdoor classroom. All board members are stepping down next year so we need nominations for new board members. Dave Schoenhals discussed being a kindergarten sub. DJ Potters will be setting up a Sign up Genius for the Hospitality Committee's upcoming Parent-Teacher Conference night meals. Becca Peters reported that Boxtops are behind as we have only collected \$600. Please advise and encourage people to bring in more and remind kids to bring swim suite for field day.

Raffle was held for all attendees to win a gift card for Chic-fil-a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm by Teri Dossey.