

November 2016 Meeting Minutes

Date:11/1/2016

Attendants:

Principal Talks

West Update (Johnson)

- 10% increase in academic
- every cohort group improved
- dyslexia training - every teacher at west will have that by end of year
- Special Ed training
- Need outdoor recess equipment (balls - Joy Andrews is looking into durability)
- Need for some indoor equipment (Legos, Lincoln Logs, beads, etc.) Would prefer to request specific items such as those listed instead of getting several individual games and etc.

Substitutes:

- Shortage throughout the state
- District will be paying for the sub license training to be hosted within the district (Nov. 28-30th)
- Incentives offered as well (so many days within the district then pay may change)
- Substitutes are used almost daily

East Update (Manock)

- Provided a list of games/equipment for in-door recesses
- Conferences this week, used to be conference days but has been working in flex days (time on Monday and Tuesday), Special Teachers may not be there those days as they are only required on scheduled conference nights
- Remodeling both elementary schools (Painting, new carpet, new roofs, new countertops, removing some tile, curb appeal and etc.)
- Looking to brand the schools to keep them consistent throughout the schools, a couple committees have been scheduled for this

Treasurer Report:

16,166.08 - checking

15,714.81 - savings

Old Business

Playground:

Summer of 2018 the construction of the new playgrounds for both elementary schools will begin

- Expected cost ranges from 175,000 - 325,000 per school
- They will be community built projects
- Discussion consisted of focusing PTO fundraisers on raising money for the playground project. The motion to support this was made Seconded and there were no objections.
- A portion of the raised money will still be set aside for normal projects/donation such as conference meals, teacher gifts and etc.

Clubs Choice:

See treasurer report for money earned from fundraiser

- Need to arrange game truck for students who had highest sales
 - 2/30 minute sessions per school
 - Preferred to have on Friday

Box Tops:

- Need to look at renewal for Brain Pop for both schools as this is something the teachers have expressed desire to continue

Movie Night Update:

There was a great turnout, will need more popcorn at February Movie Night

Flu Shots:

This has been taken care of outside of PTO

Spirit Day:

This will be held on January 20, 2017

- Any STUDENT with a donation of recess equipment will get into basketball game for free

5013c:

Vice President and President have discussed the 5013c with accountants and the bank and there will be a substantial amt. of work that will need to be completed to complete the application process.

- (\$250?) fee for application and this does not guarantee acceptance
- PTO was a 5013c holder at one point but this was not maintained
- Was suggested that PTO work with BEF to manage large donations and this was agreed on with no objections

T-Shirts:

Can be ordered online year-round (this can be updated with seasonal items as needed)

- 10% of sales will go towards the Ballard PTO
- Items will be shipped to purchaser's home or they can be picked up at shop (not at school)
- There are no contracts with the T-Shirt company

New Business**Reading Challenge:**

- sheets have been sent out to administrative assistants and will be distributed the week before
- asked for ideas to be sent through email on what to order extra for the students for small gift
- 1 kid and friend will be chosen from each classroom to eat at the Star Reading Table
- All other kids who completed the reading challenge will receive a prize
- Will discuss winter challenge at December Meeting

Conference Meals:

- sandwiches were provided by Hy-Vee
- Sign-up Genius was full by the community for sides, desserts, etc.

Opera:

- Voted that the PTO will help fund half of the Opera again this year. Approximately \$595.
- The other half will be paid by the music boosters
- Jack and the Beanstalk is scheduled for March 24th, 2017

Future Fundraiser Ideas:

- Carnivals, Vendor Fairs, Ninja Warrior, Student Races
- Want to step away from selling and do something that involves the kids.