

Deer Creek Elementary
PTO Agenda & Notes
October 3rd, 2022 - 6:30-7:30pm

- 1) Welcome & Introduction Kim Skog
 - a. Tiffany, Kim, Amber, Becky, David, Niki, Anna Yost, Renee, Stacy Rogen, Jenna Frost, Chrisy Cailo, Lindsay Heyer, Jackie Meyer, Ashley Reiersen, Emily R., Jessica Neisen, Stacey, Schoenborn, Brooke Gauld, Courtney Plankers, Mrs. Jablosky, Anna Charles, Rebecca Lill, Chad Clark

- 2) Secretary Report Niki Deitchman
 - a. Approve meeting minutes – correction to last month’s minutes (approved Mr. Berkley’s request of \$110.93 not \$11.93)
 - i. Motion to Approve: Lindsay Heyer
 - ii. Second: Jackie Meyer

- 3) Treasurer Report Becky Swoboda
 - a. Approve September’s financials
 - i. Expenses
 1. \$2,021.20
 - a. Various remaining items from back to school bash
 - i. Twisted Spork: \$89.00
 - ii. The Painted Turtle: \$405.00
 - iii. Target: \$75.00
 - b. Fundraiser Expenses
 - i. Fundraiser Prizes: \$300.86
 - ii. Sticker Mule: \$287.03
 - iii. Sign Gypsies: \$225.00
 - iv. Printed Materials for Walk-A-Thon: \$639.31
 - ii. Revenue
 1. \$3,431.47
 - a. Dine to Donate: \$123.00
 - b. Amazon Smile: \$75.51
 - c. Yearbook Credit: \$487.40
 - d. Walk-A-Thon Deposit: \$2,745.56
 - iii. Motion to Approve: Chrisy Cailao
 - iv. Second: Lindsay Heyer

- 4) Update from Fifth Grade 5th Grade Teachers
 - a. Teachers: Mrs. Gauld, Mrs. Jablonsky, Mrs. Plankers
 - b. Word Study – focusing on different vowel types
 - c. ELA – cross-curricular unit on solar system.
 - d. Beginning book clubs with mystery and adventure books.
 - e. Writing – personalized learning, creating learning targets to move their person up to feel successful and linked to standard.
 - i. Learning Target Scale: LT1-LT13

- ii. Meeting kids at their own needs – a lot of reflection
- f. Daily 5: Goal setting, choose what they want to work on that day. Word study standards.
- g. Math: Adding and subtracting fractions and tying it back to money and clocks
 - i. Learning Targets
 - ii. Differentiating math groups
 - iii. Students starting to switch classrooms to introduce middle school

5) Events & Activities

Kim Skog

- a. Papa Murphy's – Will be first Thursday every month – 1st one October 6th
- b. Name the Cardinal – Carmel the Cardinal
- c. Fundraiser/Walk-a-Thon – Completed, Walk this Friday
 - i. \$36,145 raised -Dr. Clark will sit on the roof on Friday
 - ii. Sign-up genius link sent out to volunteer
 - iii. Top class – Mrs. Barbee (receives a pizza party with Dr. Clark)
 - iv. Dippin Dots party for all classes
 - v. Top earners for each grade receive a hoodie
 - vi. Top 10 earners for each grade receives a personalized t-shirt (excluding the top earners for each grade)
 - vii. Snacks/water/bracelets (6 per student)
- d. Spirit Wear link will be sent out by next week – more info to come
- e. Bingo Family Night – October 27
 - i. 6-7:30 p.m. in the gym
 - ii. Halloween games/bingo
 - iii. Sign-up genius link will be sent out to volunteer
 - iv. “Non-Scary” Costumes are encouraged – we will draw a winner for every student that attends (per Dr. Clark)
 - v. Next planning meeting and time will be posted on PTO Facebook page
 - vi. Tables for 100 people, pull out bleachers
 - vii. Send out RSVP
- f. Book Fair & Conference Meals
 - i. PTO will supply meals
 - 1. 1st meal – soup donation
 - 2. 2nd night – Mahana Fresh (make your own bowls)
 - ii. Book Fair
 - 1. Guess Jar
 - 2. \$30 in Scholastic Dollars for Teachers
 - 3. Potentially giving gift cards to teachers to hand out to students – Dr. Clark looking into this.
- g. Requests:
 - i. Ms. Mackner - \$90 portable CD players in classroom to listen to books on CD
 - 1. Motion to Approve: Amber Swenson
 - 2. 2nd: Jenna Frost
 - ii. School request – T-shirts for new students and staff – Still waiting on info
 - 1. TBD

David Lassig

6) Principal Report

Dr. Clark

- a. Vision Statement: Our Deer Creek community is a positive and safe learning environment that empowers students to be compassionate, collaborative, and resilient.
- b. School-wide goals:
 - i. **Reading Academics Goal:** 85% of learners will achieve typical or high growth in the Star Reading Assessment from Fall to Spring
 - 1. Typical growth: 35-65%, High growth: 66-99%
 - 2. Strategies: standard based instruction in classroom, guided reading in smaller groups, reading interventions, every class should be sending home a book at the students reading level
 - a. Reading scores are dropping in males
 - ii. **Math Academics Goal:** 85% of learners will achieve typical or high growth in the Star Math Assessment from Fall to Spring
 - 1. Typical growth: 35-65%, High growth: 66-99%
 - 2. Strategies: AVMR, small math groups, math interventions, skill focused instruction
 - iii. **Wellness Goal:** 100% of learners will have one trusted adult in the school
 - 1. Learner's Profiles on lockers covering interests, how they learn best
- c. Cardinal Culture
 - i. Build connection with staff
 - ii. December- The Great North Pole as a team
 - iii. Holiday Food Boxes for community in Deer Creek
- d. CHAMPS – red squares
- e. Positive Office Referrals
 - i. This month focus is compassion
 - ii. Incorporated into SEL Lessons
- f. October 5: MSUM Planetarium – 5th Graders
- g. October 7: District reps to look at our building
 - i. Working with Mrs. Urness and Dr. Clark
- h. October 11: Save a Life Bootcamp – 5th Graders
- i. October 16: Off-site Day
 - i. Relationship with staff
 - ii. Swiss data, student inventory results data
- j. October 17 /18: Parent Teacher Conference
- k. October 28/29: I wish the hitting would stop session – 5th Graders
 - i. This will provide education on domestic abuse (guest educators from the Rape & to Abuse Crisis Center)
- l. November 3: 4th grade concert

7) Parent Open Forum/Feedback

- a. Students love school
- b. Reading – books should be sent home every night
- c. Zippered pouches for the books
- d. Offsite Day – iPads will be going home, however, not for K-1
- e. Deer Creek Facebook Page Topic
 - i. 4-Way Traffic Stop – driving while on the phone is the main issue
 - ii. October 11 – Dr. Clark has a meeting with the West Fargo PD to discuss further

8) Important Dates

- a. October 4 – Kindergarten field trip to pumpkin patch
- b. October 17-18 Parent-Teacher Conferences and Book Fair
- c. October 19 – Offsite Learning Day
- d. October 20-21 – No School
- e. October 24 – Budget Meeting, 6 p.m.- GastroPub
- f. October 27 – Family Night – Halloween Bingo