

Deer Creek Elementary
PTO Agenda & Notes
February 6, 2023 – 6:30-7:30pm

- 1) Welcome & Introduction Kim Skog
 - a. Kim Skog, Amber Swenson, Becky Swoboda, Tiffany Anderson, Niki Deitchman, Shanara Lassig, Michael Bloom, Raleigh (presenter), Katrina Seigert, Katie Lamb, Maren Haman (Resource), Abigail Mock (Resource), Madison Waln (CSSP), Dr. Clark (Principal)
- 2) Secretary Report Niki Deitchman
 - a. Approve meeting minutes
 - i. Motion to Approve: Katie Lamb
 - ii. Second: Katrina Seigert
- 3) Treasurer Report Becky Swoboda
 - a. Approve financials
 - i. Expenses
 1. Started with \$46,360.01
 - a. Spent \$3766.70
 - ii. Income
 1. \$1205
 - b. Motion to Approve: Katie Lamb
 - c. Second: Michael Bloom
- 4) Presentation – Day of Compassion Michael Bloom
 - a. Michael & Rollie
 - i. Proposed incorporating a Day of Compassion – full day in one grade level this spring.
 1. Details of how the day would go:
 - a. High energy music, fun and games
 - b. Vignettes of how to treat each other – compassion, kindness, care
 - c. \$2000
 - d. Small Groups of kid with 1-2 leaders
 - e. Horace high school kids would be the leaders within the program
 - i. Role model/mentors, leadership experience
 - b. Dr. Clark will check with teachers/staff to see if there is interest
- 5) Update from Special Ed Sp. Ed. Team
 - a. Focus on small group academics make growth throughout the year
 - i. Great growth in Math & Reading and testing scores
 - ii. Working on dismissing some students – proud of working hard and goal tracking
 - iii. New curriculum
 - iv. Working to help meet learners’ needs
 - b. CSSP – higher needs learners that are 1 on 1
 - i. New curriculum (pilot) to work in small groups
 1. Reading and Math has been most focus
 2. Science and Social Studies, as well as Life Skills
 - ii. Building peer relationships to work on social skills
 - c. Approval of another Special Education Paraprofessional and Behavior Tech to help support in these rooms

- 6) Events & Activities
 - a. Papa Murphy's
 - i. January raised \$144 – Mrs. Grensteiner & Miss Sellin winning classes
 - b. Family Fun Night “Let Love Glow” Dance – February 10
 - i. Wild About Play – craft tables
 - ii. Popcorn, Snacks, Chips (cash) AND Kones Kreamery (cash/card)
 - iii. Poster competition (on Facebook)
 - iv. Volunteers Needed
 - c. Book Fair
 - i. Excited for the March Book Fair
 - ii. Signup will be going out in the future
 - d. Conference Meals
 - i. Looking into catering and the costs with our remaining budgeted amount
 - e. Requests
 - i. PE department had many requests for equipment, carts, wagon, etc.
 - ii. Cup stack question for the district
- 7) Principal Report
 - a. Met the goal of 100% students have a trusted adult in the building
 - b. Kindness Week NEXT Week
 - i. **Wake up! It's time to be Kind!** – PJ Day
 - ii. **Deer Creek Cardinals have big Hearts!** – Red/Pink Hearts
 - iii. **Team up to be Kind!** – favorite sports jerseys or colors
 - iv. **Color the World with Kindness!** K-Purple, 1-Blue, 2-Green, 3-Yellow, 4-Orange, 5-Red
 - v. **Deer Creek Cardinals are Kind!** – Deer Creek colors
- 8) Parent Open Forum/Feedback
 - a. Can we find a way to educate students on Autism or other Special Needs within the school?
- 9) Important Dates
 - a. February 10: PTO Event – Dance. Night
 - b. February 20: Offsite Learning Day (No in-person School)
 - c. March 1: 5th Grade Ski Trip to Andes
 - d. March 2: Papa Murphy's Dine to Donate
 - e. Next PTO Meeting: March 6
 - f. March 13/14: Conferences and Book Fair
 - g. March 15-17: No School