

Aldrich PTO Meeting
February 4th, 2020 7PM - 8:30PM
Aldrich Library
Aldrich PTO CARE

- I. CALL TO ORDER -Hannah Stovall
 - Introductions, welcome to board members
 - Discussion of how first year and a half has gone: adjustment has gone well, great building, students feeling a sense of community
 - Snow removal has been better this year so far
- II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES
 - Shannon Zambon motions, Heather Shores 2nds, all in favor
- III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - a. Chairperson's Report – Hannah Stovall (5 min)
 - *candy bar bingo went great, next year they will have a better way to mark numbers called
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Heather Shores (5 min)
 - *some adjustments have been made to separate expenses for fundraising fees on Cheddar Up and Fall Festival fees from Square Up
 - *special request for 4th grade project have been turned in
 - *Maker Space is making requests for purchases
 - *Some more teachers have turned in requests for teacher allocations
 - *Still on par for budget
 - *Mr. Woodley is new 5th grade teacher, we will extend \$200 allocation to him as well
 - *Records have been organized and moved to file cabinet
 - **For more detailed report, see itemized handout
- IV. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Kim Cross (5 min)
 - *This Friday is kick-off for Dance Marathon, next Friday will be the actual dance marathon
 - *There are already 4-5 anonymous donations from link online
 - *Goal this year is to raise \$1,200, up from \$1,000 from last year
 - *Benny Bernard will be our guest speaker, a 9th grader who started Dance Marathon at South Dale, he is a survivor of childhood Leukemia
 - *UNI Dance Marathoners will come to talk and help excite students
 - *Each day that week will have a dress up day to help raise funds (it will cost \$0.25 per day to participate), also student council will be selling paper hearts for students to purchase to post positive messages around school
- V. School board share
 - *One of the school Board Members' goal is to enhance involvement and awareness of Professional Development, for example to attend PTO meetings and PLC meetings
 - *March 3, revenue purpose statement coming up, be ready to vote
 - *Also make sure to fill out census report accurately, the Census is important to get accurate counts for Federally Funding with Special Ed and Title 1
 - *The board has been looking at broad plans for high school, public spaces on one side of the building, and learning on the other to maximize space and natural light

*Hannah Stovall shared child's experience: teachers collaborate so much it's like they have 2 teachers and get to know all the students, get benefits of both methods and benefits and strengths from both teachers

*Ms. Cross talked about how sharing students allows teachers to meet all different levels of academics

*Karen Tidwell and Heather Shores shared experience of having their kids move to the new 5th grade room-the teacher has been a benefit and he started yesterday, all 3 teachers are working together and co-teaching at times to help ease into the transition, kids that moved still have science and social studies with their "old teacher and old buddies", it's been helpful to have some things new and some different

*Wellness committee has provided active indoor recess ideas: Bingo brain breaks, bean bags to make games

*Jodie Huegerich shared she would like to see the district wellness committee be able to collaborate more

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a. Service – Alice Gabel (5 min)

i. Survey to teachers this week

ii. Family service project as part of Wellness Night

b. Special Events – Karen Tidwell (5 min)

i. Candy Bar Bingo -thankful to the teachers that came, well appreciated night to come together at the school for fun, only cost \$20 total to put on

ii. Academic Fair – Feb. 25th, e-mail went out today, it's been in announcements, Karen will go into rooms with posters and to drop off sign up sheets so that more kids can get excited about it, she can use help day of to set up-contact her if available and interested

iii. Talent Show -date will be selected after Spring Break

c. Yearbook & Spirit – Angel Stammer (5 min)

*3-4 orders already in office

*93 orders placed online

*Minimum order is 175

*teachers can keep sending pictures to Angel for yearbook

*She will be here Thursday and Friday to take classroom and club pictures for yearbook

d. Wellness – Jodie Huegerich (5 min)

i. Wellness Night - March 5th 5-7PM: event will be similar to last year, outside organizations are coming, UNI students will be here, there will be lots of activities in library and gym

e. Hospitality – Jana Bailey (5 min)

*Meeting will be Thursday, February 16th, 10 am at Jana's house: contact her for directions if interested in attending

VI. NEW BUSINESS

*1/2 time teacher has been hired for special education, we will extend \$200 allocation to her as well

*allocation money is due the Monday after spring break to Heather Shores, Vanessa Anderson will be sending a staff e-mail reminder

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Next meeting – Tuesday, March 3rd

VIII. ADJOURNMENT