



November 15, 2016, 7:00 PM

Minutes

In attendance Kit Neel, Jewel Wacker, Heather Claxton, Thirmanda Zavala, Kendra Boone, Jennifer Blair, Maureen Courtwright, Balinda Griffiths, Jamie Dusek, Melinda Hafenrichter, Mayra Johnson, Anthony Hansen, Leslie Smogor, Becky Lee and Jill Podzimek.

1. Call to Order (President Anthony Hansen) – Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Questions for Administration – Parent questions can be submitted anonymously on forms at meeting or via PTO web site.
3. Approval of October Minutes – Motion to approve, first Kendra Boone, second Jewel Wacker.
4. Budget Report
 - a. Budget (Treasurer Becky Lee) – Budget income updates reviewed, including \$9,226 from Fall Fundraiser, first check from Amazon Smile for \$10, WERQ event \$112 to date, Mike & Denise’s restaurant night \$200, Shoparoo ’15-’16 schoolyear \$301.65, school supply rebate of \$71 and Harlem Wizards event \$375. Monster Mash generated \$2,615 profit from tickets, caricatures and food sales. Family Fuel Up cost \$346.28, and a \$300 venue deposit was made for the prom event. Finally, the second set of 30 Chromebooks and cart were purchased.
5. Old Business
 - a. Monster Mash (Anthony Hansen) – Great student, parent, teacher and community participation – over 300 students attended; all swag bags passed out within first 30 minutes. Increased food sales this year, and high demand for caricatures. Looking for ways to improve next year.
6. Principal’s Report (Principal Mayra Johnson)
 - a. 12/12 District Board Meeting, Heart of the Fox – Select ACES students will make a Heart of the Fox presentation at the December District Board meeting; ACES families and staff are encouraged to attend.
 - b. Social Thinking Lessons – In January, curriculum will be introduced to help students learn how to interact in various social situations. Buddy Bench now partially installed, and will be revealed to students soon.

- c. Illinois State Report Card – Web site available to research any public school, includes academic success by student group, PARCC scores and specific program offerings; link listed on PTO web site.
7. New Business
- a. Ladies' Night Out (Anthony Hansen) – WERQ dance fitness event on 11/18, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM. Good registration activity to date; reminder, ACES teachers and staff are free. Proceeds benefit PTO stretch goal.
 - b. Other Upcoming Events (All)
 - i. 11/16 Restaurant Night at Panera.
 - ii. 11/30 Cappuccino with PTO, 9:00 AM at Starbucks.
 - c. Prom (Anthony Hansen) – 80's throwback prom planned for February at American Legion, open to all adults 21+.
 - d. Color A Thon (Becky Lee) – Contract signed for 5/21/17 at 10:00 AM; looking for committee chair and committee members. Success is important for '17-'18 PTO budget.
8. Committee Reports
- a. Box Tops / Other (Kit Neel) – \$286.40 in Box Tops collected in October, \$779 total YTD. 34 Labels for Education and 49 Coke Rewards; four volunteers helped count this month. 29,530 Shoparoo points YTD, on pace to surpass last year. Mrs. Johnson's class won an extra recess for September. Mrs. Harris' class won a silly teacher costume for October. Five classes won the Q1 prize, for administrators to ride tricycles to their classrooms: Johnson, Harris, Watson, Parkhill and Olson. Mrs. Borneman won Q1 coffee treat. November grade level incentive is pajama day. Q2 student prize is silly string a specials teacher, and staff prize is skip drop off / pick up duty.
 - b. Restaurant Nights (Anthony Hansen) – Revenue to date over 70% of annual goal. Upcoming plans include Panera in November, McDonald's in December, Culver's in January, Rosati's in March and Foxy's in May.
9. Grant Proposals & Parent Rubric Evaluations
- a. Math Resources (Maureen Courtwright and Balinda Griffiths) – \$294.92. Foam counting blocks, yard sticks, meter sticks and measuring tapes requested, as well as folder games for individual / small groups that align with common core curriculum.
 - b. Mini Slab Roller (Jamie Dusek) – \$388. Crank roller requested to allow younger students to create clay slabs.
 - c. High Interest Books for All Levels (Ashley Hulka) – \$332.54. Guided reading and classroom series extension books to build reading skills and love of reading; to be shared across grade level.
10. Adjournment (Anthony Hansen) – Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.