



PTO Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2019

6:00 pm

Polaris library

Minutes

1. Present:
 - a. Melanie Chenard - Chair
 - b. Julie Johnston - Chair-Elect
 - c. Jessica Sullivan - Asst Treasurer
 - d. Julie Gladnick - Secretary
 - e. Nicole Getzelman - Communications Chair
 - f. Amy Odell - Principal
 - g. Tim Bieschke- Community Chair
 - h. Kris Heilbron, 4th grade teacher, Teacher Rep
 - i. Parker Fleming- Treasurer
 - j. Beth Fleming - Auction Chair
 - k. Melanie Lundeen - Room Parent Chair
 - l. Kara Lukin - 4th Grade Parent
2. Call to order, introductions, agenda review
3. October Minutes Approved
4. Principal's Report
 - a. Amy talked about School Performance framework and Unified Improvement Plan
 - b. Polaris scored as the highest elementary school in SPF scores.
 - i. 94.17% Students exceed growth academically (exceeds)
 - ii. 100% are performing at grade level (exceeds)
 - iii. 75% of students and families engaged and satisfied- (meets): attendance (exceed), student perception survey (meets), parent satisfaction survey (meets)
 - iv. 92.59% meet academic Gaps for Students of Color (exceeds), 28% students of color

- v. Focusing attention on rate of growth vs overall performance for students of color as compared to non-students of color.
 - c. District focusing primarily on 3 areas:
 - 1. K-12 Mathematics
 - 2. Early Literacy
 - 3. College & Career Readiness
 - ii. UIP- Strategic School Plan required by CO Dept of Education that reflects who Polaris is as a school
 - 1. Polaris evaluates CMAS results to look for trends in performance, growth, and identify areas to work on, understand what is causing these outcomes, and determine improvement strategies/action planning.
 - 2. 4 major improvement strategies this year:
 - a. Literacy - progress monitoring
 - b. Writing Instruction - strategies for visual spatial learners
 - c. Whole Child- Explicit Teaching of Empathy, Safety & Pro-Social Skills
 - i. Goal for 80% or more of students to: report that they feel comfortable at school and do not worry about teasing, name calling, or kids bullying them; report that there is an adult that they can go to at school if they are worried, scared or have a problem; and report that students at their school treat each other nicely.
 - d. Math - Depth & Complexity of Task & Questions
 - i. Students score lower on math assignments where they are asked to show their reasoning.
 - ii. Goal to increase their ability to model their thinking and explain their reasoning and will increase the use of cognitively demanding questions that align tasks.
 - d. Coffee Talk on Thursday, November 7th, 7:45- 8:30 am- Digital education
 - i. Spoke with some other parents interested to offer their resources for future coffee talks
5. Treasurer's Report- Parker and Jessica
 - a. Jessica - Tax return
 - i. Jessica completed the 990 EZ- 2018 return and board approved
 - b. Monthly financials- Parker
 - i. October - See Attachment
 - 1. Green column is activity from October
 - 2. Light on Annual Fund at this point in the year

3. Jogathon - totals still coming in through this month
 4. Expenses: electives reimbursements, STEAM requests, staff & volunteer lunch catered and gift to Ana as she transitioned, PTO Punch Bowl Social, Membership Toolkit, Secretary of State annual charge
 - a. Corporate Sponsorship checks still to be submitted (as part of Annual Fund)
 - b. Colorado Gives Day, 12/3/19, to be confirmed with Jenny Cookson
 5. Parker proposed moving funds into a higher yield savings account to earn better interest- will look into options
6. Committee Reports:
- a. Fundraising
 - i. Annual Fund - Colorado Gives Day 12/10/19
 - ii. Auction - Beth
 1. Board Approved 10k budget
 2. Focus on Volunteers- Subcommittees:
 - a. Event Planning and Prep-Beth
 - b. Class Baskets and Teacher Buy-a-shares
 - c. Solicitation
 - d. Set-Up
 - e. TWO MORE
 - f. 2-3 Volunteers per classroom desired
 - iii. Corporate Sponsorship - will follow up with Amy
 - b. Community - Tim -
 - i. Punch Bowl Social event report
 - ii. Saturday 11/16 event- need to sell tickets! Looking for commitments for help with community events from PTO
 - iii. Dine & Donate at Oblio's 11/14 - Looking for someone to take over
 - c. Communications - Nicole
 - i. E-post every other week, but other room on off-weeks for targeted communication
7. Teacher Report- Kris Heilbron
- a. 4th Grade Science Dept doing a Rock Fair! 3rd Grade Hallway- Rocks from Earth's Treasures. 11-1, and 2-4 Tuesday 11/12-11/15.
8. Chair Report - Melanie C-
- a. Articles of Incorporation complete
 - b. Gail Axt is discontinuing Bookies Night
9. Unfinished Business
- a. Discussion about how to streamline Electives process, communications, and student selection sorting process

- b. Shopify for gear sales - Parker set up the account and got the EIN so they recognize us as a non-profit. Will get pictures and inventory set up.
10. New Business
- a. Brief discussion of Proposition CC
 - b. Talent night- Melanie/Tim- Tim is working on AV- will work with Amy O on date
 - c. Indoor and outdoor recess equipment- Melanie and Amy have talked about extra income to be directed appropriately. Wanting to add a storage shed and equipment for outside and assortment of games for indoor recess. Also chairs, and chair racks.
11. Adjournment at 7:41 pm