

Polaris PTO General Membership Meeting
October 6, 2014 – 6:00 PM
Agenda

In Attendance: Megan Rosenzweig, Lisa Mortell, Brian Nelson, Tammy Chamberlain, Kara Chitwood, Karin Johnson, Amber Fitzpatrick.

I. Welcome

- Call to Order, Welcome, Recognizing a Quorum
- Approval of minutes of last meeting (September) – After minor changes by Principal Johnson, minutes were approved.

II. News from the Principal

- CSC is working on bylaws and reviewing school performance framework.
- School improvement plan is developed by teachers and CSC looked at that
- District is providing a book room in the upstairs film studio. For guided reading non fiction will allow teachers to check out books for small group instruction
- First grade teacher: Heidi Yamada started last week. Came from Aurora and was a former medic in the military.

III. General Business

Officers' Reports:

- Treasurer's Report – Megan Rosenzweig
 - ⇒ First month after handoff from treasurer
 - ⇒ Annual fund is a bit behind; ACH is down a bit
 - ⇒ Grocery card sales are picking up (\$1,700 in rebates from grocery sales so far)
 - ⇒ First big para payment comes soon
 - ⇒ StART budget not yet set this year (no grant requirements)
 - ⇒ Green Committee has grant money yet to be spent – will spend this year.
 - ⇒ Directory ads - \$400 more coming. Christie Gosch
 - ⇒ EduKit – A bit short on budget
 - ⇒ \$700 allocation to the library for a new A/V system

Special Committee/Event Reports:

- **PAF - Night Out for Polaris - Oct. 11**
 - ⇒ Annual fund a bit behind last year, but it will pick up.
 - ⇒ Ticket sales on track
- **Family Dance Party and Polaris Talent Showcase – Nov. 7**
 - ⇒ 4th and 5th grade performances (including a harpist) great venue for kids to share their talents.
 - ⇒ Pizza's donated at \$5 each for Anthony's
 - ⇒ Before long weekend so turnout should be good.
- **Grandparent's Open House and Thanksgiving Lunch – Nov. 20**
 - ⇒ First grade is circulating the sign up for the tea. Karin has a note to send something to teachers that it is a non-testing day. Sign in table in lobby.

- ⇒ Choir will perform for grandparents at tea; A professional photographer will provide pictures
- ⇒ Grandparents arrive at 9:30am; 10am to classrooms; Lunch starts at 11am.
- ⇒ Details will go out in ePost in the next couple of weeks

- **Bookies Night – December 2 from 4pm-7:30pm (add to school calendar)**
 - ⇒ Usually generates \$500 for library budget
 - ⇒ A volunteer is needed to provide food and drink and to help set up.
 - ⇒ PTO is asked for a \$100 food budget (motion by Megan R. Second by Tammy C.) Motion approved unanimously.

- **Salute to Scientists – Dec. 11**
 - ⇒ Teachers run the night (Richards and Swift); Parent volunteers coordinate listeners and provide snacks

IV. New & Unfinished Business

- Nomination for President Elect 2015-16: Brian Nelson.
 - ⇒ Nomination was accepted and Brian was unanimously approved as President Elect.
- Website Updates
 - ⇒ Jay Hilty would like to do the changes himself to the main website.
 - ⇒ Teacher links are mostly updated.
 - ⇒ Ask committee chairs to review annually or as events come up.
 - ⇒ Events, blog, enrichment updated more often,
 - ⇒ Prospective Family and Current Family tabs need monitoring
 - ⇒ Add DPS days off to calendar
- Newsletter – Can we do regular profiles of Polaris teachers in ePost? Use a questionnaire? First one a staff update and welcome to newest teacher. “staff spotlight”

Meeting adjourned 7:20pm