

PTO Meeting Jan 2016 Minutes

Minutes 01/11/2016:

Board members in attendance: Brian Nelson, Megan Webber, Tim Kirkland, Colin Lamb

Also in attendance: Anne Sterrett, Kara Chitwood, Melanie Chenard, Karen Wagner, Kristen Alix

December minutes adopted.

Principal's Report – Money for K-5 math or reading curriculum available. Will be interviewing for electives coordinator in near future. Focus group was a very positive discussion about how to improve.

Budget: Behind on Annual Fund. \$13,500 behind last year so far. All caught up on payments. Note that per pupil payments decreasing, Polaris does not get other entitlement funds.

STEAM: First LEGO league – Chris Dunn – billed parents for LEGO robotics. Melinda for tessellation project is a go. KG, 1, 2 will have a fun singing group "Jeff & Paige" for an assembly about weather, streams, etc. Also will have birds of prey late spring when discussing CO ecosystems. Digital ecosystems organized & moving – Rogers and Wray. Less "make a movie" needs than budgeted. Cedra has RTV fundraising, looking good.

Mike Johnson: School board member from East Denver commented about policy initiatives and potential for ballot requests for funding.

E-post / Communications: Some interest in helping. Discussion about Facebook. Letter from PTO coming.

Events: Romancing the Vine – Feb 26. Paypal account coming soon. Music booked.

For the Love of Art – Chili cookoff discussion

Grandparents Day – end of day, may need to reschedule.

Field Day – probably switching to May 20

New Family – end of April, Wednesday the 27? Or 20? Perhaps collect professional skills from new parents?

Next meeting Feb 1.

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