

2.28.2017

Spencer Butte Middle School PTO Notes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by Tara Sloan. Introductions were made around the table.

Math Curriculum Presentation

After questions about changes in the Math Department during Site Council, Principal Tasha Katsuda requested some time at the meeting to bring in Madeleine Ahearn, 4j Math Curriculum Administrator, and Gretchen Suchman from the SBMS Math Department.

District Philosophy is to learn from best practices which focus on: essential understanding, balancing approach (not all procedures need conceptual, applicable approach), effectively engage with mathematical tools, and every student has the right to understand.

SBMS offers 3 different math "tracks" because they found that kids who were accelerated too early did fine early on, but stumbled when they got to Algebra2 in high school. They also found it was more detrimental to bump a kid down than to bump them up. Curriculum will change so that all 6th graders start in 6th grade math. That way SBMS will have the opportunity to identify who needs to accelerate, instead of that coming from elementary school recommendations.

PTO Bank Account

Dorna reported that the PTO account

Balance Sheet: Ending checking account balance as of Jan 31 was \$331.52.

Profit & Loss for 2016:

Income:

Fundraiser Income

\$342.80 from Papa's Pizza

\$50 from Yogurt Extreme

Interest \$0.10

Total income: \$392.90

Expenses:

\$50 Business Registration Fees

\$296.38 Walk the Amazon Expenses

Total Expenses: \$346.38

Net income: \$46.52 for 2016

We decided to keep the account open despite concerns about adequate parent leadership for the 2017-18. Love Cross offered to become responsible as a signer at the end of the year.

Parent Recruitment

Ren and Tasha reported that their visit to Edgewood went well, and they thought there was interest from some parents.

Parent Movie about electronics

There is a movie about kids and electronics that parents were interested in. The idea was to host a showing and invite Roosevelt families. Perhaps host at Amazon Community Center. Ten will look into it.

Direct Donation Drive

Charlie reported that as of the meeting time we had raised \$11,402.89 plus \$750 in EEF. We fell just short of halfway to our goal. We decided to extend the deadline one more week and see what happens. We made \$19,000 last year. The question was brought up about the percentage that goes to EEF. We need to look into that to confirm 5% or 10%?

Artstravaganza

Gayle Truax and Amanda Joseph are taking on the event. Who did the raffle in previous years? How did that work. Tara said she would contact Agata Zawierucha.

respectfully submitted,

Tara Sloan