

Appleton PTA Meeting: 11/16/18

Introductions - Approx 25 people in attendance

Principal's Report

- Thank you's - M. Barney & Celayeta's for treating teachers to dinner on conference nights.
- Appleton shirts - are here! Will be delivered next week.
- Spellathon - ends the week after break.
- Carnival - a big night! Thank you parent volunteers, cakes and silent auction. Teachers' bids made over \$1700 alone! Just a little lower attendance that night. Anticipate the ebb and flow given houses coming up around us.
- Suggestions for Carnival next year: better quality prizes; moving the photo booth so not to block the flow of traffic; relocate bump-n-jumps; a map to where booths are; cake walk split up so not such a long line; we're losing N.Giddings this year (who runs the silent auction) so be thinking about who could do that job; more 5th grade graduation seats in silent auction... follow what the big ticket items were in the silent auction; do a float "Appleton" for the Parade of Lights where hopeful riders on the float are auctioned off in the silent auction.
- BINGO night - Plan one for January on Thursday, Jan 24th after the PTA mtg.
- D51 Superintendent contract has been extended.
- D51 Calendar committee - Reduce broken weeks, later start times for secondary, options for the Early Release day. 4-day school week is not their main focus - daycare problems.

Treasurer's Report - (J.Zeller shared the report).

- Carnival made \$12,000 - trending on a 10% increase
- Spellathon - Some have been coming. We did \$21,000 last year. Waiting to see the trend. Previous year brought in \$11,000. Donations possible through online portal. Suggest kids get acknowledged for most pledges earned -- not just the dollar amount.
- Holiday gift shop ornaments ordered.
- 5th grade bake sale earned \$1,100.
- Reminder to register City Market cards. Have to re-register in January.

Other -

- 5th grader M.Zeller spoke on behalf of the mediators about mediator toys at recess and ways to manage toys better. She would like to get more toys and replace them quarterly. She would like possibly to buy bins to put the toys in. Possibly we can make this a yearly line item in our budget. Before making a motion, we do have some funds (approx \$9,000 that the ALT hasn't spent that could possibly be used for this purpose).
- Chad will look at Walmart giving back to Appleton, (like our City Market cards).
- Possibly moving Book Fair to Spring to ease up all the fundraising in fall - Could tie it in with Summer Reading / P-T confs in the spring.

- Possibly move Carnival early in the year to alleviate the heaviness of fundraising. Maybe it outside? We have to start EARLY (by the end of this year). Get the carnival committee on it.
- Reminder - B & N Music Night - Nov. 29
- Reminder - Ornament Shop Dec. 6 & 7 -- Need help!
- Christmas Sing-a-long - Dec 21
- Art & Talent Show - Feb 22
- Like and follow Appleton on Facebook -- PTA be social media advocates to get word out about fundraising, etc. Jared Johnson would like a team to help with the artistic semantics to help.

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