

PTA News  
January 25, 2018

Attendance: 27 teachers, parents, support staff

Loni Wolfe - The news crew came out and did some video work in her room today. Channel 11 - 6:00 & 10:00.

Principal's Report:

>> **Spell-A-Thon** was great!! And that is why we have a bunch of money this year.

>>Pizza party today for the top 26 money earners

>> **Be Lingual Update**:

>>16 parents came to a meeting the other night.

>> Pledge form will go home next week asking parents if they would be willing to pay \$50 per student to fund this program.

>>February 14<sup>th</sup> - Pledge/Sponsorship forms due back

>>If pledges look good, then we will move forward. If not, we will look into other options.

>> **Staff Development Request**

#1: \$160 to pay for a sub for Jill Phillips to meet with other music teachers in the district (Two half-days)

**\*\*All in favor; No opposed; Approved!**

#2: Jill Reetz for mats, climbing rope, scooters, etc. She has made a request and Corey is looking into options for some of these things.

>> **Spending Options**: Appleton Leadership Team has met twice for discussion and Corey presented these findings to PTA

1. DreamBox - K-8 On-Line Math Intervention Program

>> \$20 per student OR

>> \$6,300 for a one-year license for the whole school

\*\*Discussion was held and Corey answered questions.

**\*\*Christina and Marina both spoke eloquently about the topic of mathematics curriculum and interventions. Nice job ladies!**

Side Note: 105 Chromebooks coming to Appleton next year through the Bond/Mill Levy money.

2. Lucy Caulkins Phonics Units for K-2 is coming out this summer. More research is being done at this time by C. Skalla.

3. Promethean Boards: Approx. cost is \$2,000+  
    >> K & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade said this is not a priority for them at this time  
    >> 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> all had interest in getting one  
    >> Training = \$1,200 per 6 hours with a Promethean Rep.

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4. Grade Level Playground Equipment:

>>\$1,400-1,800 to purchase a full set of equipment.

>> All grade level reps approved this and thought it would be a great idea! A tangible "thing" that kids can see the fruits of their labors of the fundraising!

>>We have some points from Campbell's Soup Labels that could possibly purchase some of this equipment.

**\*\*Joy Zeller proposed to purchase this equipment ASAP with a cost of up to \$2,000.**

**\*\* All approved; No opposed; Approved!**

**>> Corey will order ASAP!**

**\*\* Tara McCarty proposed that Box Top money go to playground equipment each year. Kids will understand this concept!**

5. Clicker for projectors:

>> Corey is going to purchase one for the library for professional development.

6. Refrigerator for the South Building:

>> Corey is going to "advertise" for one from our community.

7. Furniture for library Story Time area - Staff said this isn't a priority at this time.
8. Individual Chairs for the Library: \$25 per chair
  - » Sheila Vrooman would like five of these chairs.
  - » Beth Mather motioned to buy five chairs
  - » All approved; no opposed; Approved
9. Wood Paneling & Library Chairs: Staff denied this request because it doesn't directly affect students!
  - » Joy Zeller spoke about this not necessarily being a "need," but still is something we should consider because our library is a focal point of our school.
  - » Marina Lancheros talked about the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Legacy Project and how this may be an option. She also talked about how her son "marketed" his Spell-A-Thon donations by saying "it will improve my education!" She wants to honor people's donations to our school.
10. Copier Budget: Our office budget has been highly impacted by rising copying costs (about half of the total budget goes to copies). Last Year \$8,400
  - » Corey is asking for \$1,500 from PTA
  - » John Zeller - "Is \$1,500 enough to make a difference?"
    - » Corey's response → "It's enough for now!"
  - » Joy Zeller made a motion to give \$1,500 to the copy budget
  - » Beth Mather seconded it
  - » All approved; no opposed; Approved!

**\*\*Art and Talent Show → We need a subcommittee to start working of this to move it along the way we want it to go.**

- » Corey proposed that Joy Zeller head this committee
- » Mandy Hagerman and Beth Mather offered to help!

**\*\*Please let us know if you would like to help on this committee!**

**It was 5:40 p.m. at this point, so we didn't have any other reports! 😊**

Treasurer's Report: John Zeller

President's Report: Chad Horton

Ideas/Open Discussion:

**Next Meeting: February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00**