

PTA News - April 19, 2018

Attendance: 13

Treasurer's Report: John Zeller

- 2017-2018 Budget - A quick review shows a big expense for the "Miscellaneous Account." John explained that he had to adjust numerous things from last year and this is where those adjustments were placed.
- 2018-2019 Proposed Budget
 - » Increase grade level allotments. This is money that teachers can use at their discretion to improve instruction. Doesn't need to be approved through PTA.
 - » Administrative Expense increase for our copy budget.
 - » Add a line item for Staff Appreciation in the amount of \$1,500
 - » Appleton Leadership Project - \$20,000
 - » To be used by the Appleton Leadership Team at its discretion for the improvement of our school!

Discussion:

1. Why not increase Preschool and Kindergarten allotments?
 - » Hasn't been spent in the past two years. John will re-look at that.
2. John - Please keep in mind that this budget is just a roadmap/starting point. It can be adjusted as we go through the year. There is still a "buffer" amount of money that is being kept in the account so that we won't be caught short.

** Kim Morelli proposed that we approve the budget as presented.

** Melissa Squires seconded it.

** All Approved; No opposed.

- Officers for next year - As per our bylaws we need to elect and approve new officers. This will be postponed until next month.

Principal's Report: Corey Hafey

- New Investigations may be closer to \$10,000 than the higher previous estimate.
- Art & Talent Show - April 20th
 - » Bigger than ever!!
 - » Joy Zeller - Lots of volunteers and that is great! It looks like we are going to make some money and, even though that was not the goal of this night, it's nice!
- CMAS - DONE! 😊
 - » Today was the final day!
 - » 5th grade felt that their students were well-prepared for CMAS because of the new Investigation pilot.
- School of Choice
 - » All School of Choice requests for 1st - 4th grade have been denied. Our school population is at 460 now.
- Salute to Staff
 - » Corey shared the list of Appleton teachers/staff that are being honored.

- Spending Requests -

1) 4th grade science kits - Energy/Electrical Unit

Approximately \$440.00

** Beth Mather Motioned to approve this purchase

** Betsey DiSanza seconded

** All approved; No opposed

2) Teacher Appreciation

» Suzy Flores is heading up the Teacher Appreciation dinner

» BBQ Dinner is being donated for 5/2/18 (Leftovers on 5/3/18)

» There is a sign-up out for side dishes, etc.

Request:

» \$200-250 to hire Karen Mahoney for the coffee cart

-- Thursday or Friday morning

» \$100 -- Goodies for teachers

» Possibility - \$250(ish) for breakfast burritos

** Joy Zeller motioned to approve up to \$1,000 for teacher appreciation.

** Brook Bray seconded

** All approved; no opposed. Passed 😊

Kim Morelli gave a heart-felt "Thank You" to PTA and all that they do for us.