

PTA News

September 21, 2017

*21 in attendance

Principal's Report - Corey Hafey:

- 1) A request had been made at last month's PTA meeting for a new ball pump for Jill Reetz. The request was approved and a new pump was to be purchased - however, an Appleton family heard this request and anonymously purchased a new pump! YAY!
- 2) Safety Update: Corey talked about all of the safety drills that we have conducted so far this school year. He also shared information about the two books that Appleton uses for safety.
- 3) Unified Improvement Plan: Our goals this year will be in the area of mathematics.
- 4) Appleton Influence: Corey spoke about Sunset Elementary and their visit to Appleton last year. He added the fact that their district's other four elementary schools would like to come visit. He is working on the logistics for their visits.

Treasurer's Report - John Zeller:

- 1) The PTA bank account is moving to Alpine Bank. Our new treasurer works at Alpine and he will be able to keep a better eye on things from there.
- 2) John is building an on-line payment portal for the upcoming Spell-A-Thon. This will give out-of-town family members and friends a convenient way to sponsor kids in the Spell-A-Thon.
- 3) There is a newly updated PTA Financial Report. If you would like to view it, please see a PTA member who attended today's meeting.

President's Report - Chad Horton:

- 1) Chad talked about sharing new ideas and the fact that PTA is open to hearing from Appleton parents.
- 2) No Catalog Sales at Appleton!! Chad discussed how fundraising used to be done at Appleton and how we have moved to the Carnival and the Spell-A-Thon as our two primary fundraisers.
- 3) "Appleton is an artistic school!" C. Horton
 - >> Joy Zeller shared that Art Heritage has 22 volunteers this year! 😊

PTA Requests:

- 1) A. Lovato, ESL Teacher, has made a request for \$109.95 to purchase Raz Kids for her students. This is a computerized reading program that she has had great success with in the past.
 - >> John Zeller made a motion to make this purchase
 - >> Nikki Summers seconded it
 - >> Motion passed and Angela can purchase this program
- 2) **Words of Wisdom** has been a mainstay of the Appleton community for many years. There is a new version that can be purchased for \$500. There was not a formal request made at this time, but there will be one sometime soon.

Open Discussion:

- 1) Candice Walton, kindergarten parent, spoke about **Spanish at Appleton**. She has talked with a representative from Wingate Elementary about their program - *Be Lingual*. The next step will be a parent survey that should be happening in October.
- 2) **Box Tops - The first collection of the school year will be Monday, September 25th. Tara McCarty will be coming around to collect them, so give your students a reminder today!!**
- 3) **PTA membership** is way up this year - WOO HOO!!! Teachers, if you haven't joined yet, pick up a form from the PTA board in the main hallway, pay the \$8 and become a member!!!

- 4) **City Market Cards** - Please connect your City Market savings card to Appleton. It is a simple process at Citymarket.com! This needs to be done every year, so even if you've done it in the past, please do it again. This is free money to our school -- \$859.28 last school year!
- 5) Suggestion #1: Set up a booth at carnival for parents to sign up their City Market cards. Have laptops logged on and ready to go!!
- 6) Suggestion #2: Hold a walk or run to raise money - many schools do this. Print up tee-shirts with the sponsors listed on the back.
- 7) Suggestion #3: PTA should have a sponsorship form or brochure of some sort to take into businesses to ask for donations. This would make Silent Auction donations easier and would help parents feel more comfortable with asking for donations for our school.

Dates to Remember:

- Carnival is Friday, October 20th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Next PTA Meeting is Thursday, October 19th at 4:00 p.m.