

Elm School PTO Meeting

Date and Time: December 8, 2015, 2-3

Host Attendees: Trista Negele, Jen McCarthy, Jill Berry, Jen Donnan, Gopi Ahuja, Alisa Messana, Jacqueline Parrillo, Natalia Nekludoff (Alam), Jeana Considine

Location: Elm School

1. **Call to Order:** 2pm

2. **Approval of October Minutes - need to approve**

3. **President/President-Elect** **Trista Negele**

- PTO presidents meeting

- Digital Learning Initiative:

-Question on what district will be paying/earmarking money for. Goal to have answer by end of March on Apple vs PC. Budget will be determined later but plan is to continue to fund whats currently being funded

-Looking at platform so status quo can be maintained across the district

- HMS and CHMS Fundraising: These schools have some difficulty fundraising. Idea for all feeder schools to participate in parent initiated donations to pay it forward to HMS/CHMS

- For example, an elementary parent could pre determine an amount (x%) that would go to HMS vs. elementary school. Would incentivize grades to participate in fundraising, especially the older grades that will be moving on to HMS

- At this point, this is an idea being considered and would still need to be approved by all feeder schools. Would need to educate people before moving forward with the incentive.

-HMS goal of \$20k - would want to know what money is being used for

4. **Treasurer** **Jen Donnan**

- Angel Care donation received from Mrs. Beard for \$150

- Boosterthon checks deposited - 50% to Boosterthon equaling \$15,885 (\$9,000 was earmarked). Profit was about the same as last year (approx \$20k) but total was \$32k because of sponsors

- Plan is to not do next year

5. **Principal**

Jeana Considine

- Walking paths and playground coverage to provide shade for the kids is being looking into

- PARCC testing is coming. Our district did very well compared to the state.

- Hard to compare the tests because they are totally different

- Last year was a practice - teachers need time to figure out adjustments, etc so next year may be used as the baseline

- Still very early in the process to understand what PARCC testing will look like

- Chugging policy - looking in to background checks

- Mrs. Robinson is due in Dec. Have music coverage lined up for classes. Will also be running Fine Arts Night and 1st Grade Washington DC project

- Spanish teacher will be out as well, so will also have coverage here

6. **MRC Director**

Jill Berry

- Book fair went well

- Working to determine what One School One Book will be. Moving it up to Feb due to testing

7. **Committee Reports**

VP Ways & Means

Dawn Wood

- Boosterthon payments collected equal \$31,662 of the \$31,811 pledged.

- Thanksgiving Box top collection brought in 2,442 box tops equal to \$244.20
- Flying High event raised \$385

Angel Care

- Working to collect winter clothing for parents in need. Good response thus far

Spring Fundraiser

- Spring fundraiser date 4/23
- Choosing Art Beat Live artist. Artist will paint during music and painting will be revealed at end. Working on a western themed painting which will be part of the auction
- Working on auction items. Food/drinks are set. Ticket prices being figured out.
- Contributions for auction items are welcome and would be very helpful.

Yearbook

- Need 4th grade pictures. Please contact Jen Donnan if you have any or upload to Tree Ring

8. Adjourn

