

Hope School PTO Meeting, held at Hope School

October 9, 2023

Notes taken by:
Tahneta Stroh

In Attendance: Cindy Mckibben, Jeremey Mckibben, Christen Peck, Eva Pate, Jess Hogan, Levi Hogan, Tahneta Stroh, Lee Airth, Tuija Davidson, Bec Howard.

Call to order @3:50

Principal report: Alaska Reads Act. Signed into legislation July of 22 and effective July of 23. Different sections, some voluntary and some mandatory. Education must be based in the science of reading education. If opting in for the program, the school district can expect roughly 1 million in funding to buy the curriculum. District for distance education and goal to make it easier and more accessible to students. Purpose of this curriculum is to have children reading by the end of 3rd grade. If not, potential to retain student. Ultimate decision to retain students is from parents. Parts included are M-class screener that places students at performance levels. Students well below benchmark must have individual reading plan for future. More info can be requested.

Initial test results - Hope students performed 34% district students well below benchmark, Hope students at 28% including 2 kindergarteners learning to read. Reading, all grades who took the test, 14 students, only 7% are well below the benchmark. 50% above 80 percentile, math 0% below benchmark.

School goals/needs - Highest need for students- 1. Providing enough cte and electives for students. New additional funding allowed for classes.

2. Providing teachers enough prep time for the new curriculum.

All other needs were rated as low.

Teacher report: Jeremy- new curriculum this year, difficult to learn and teach at the same time. A little more difficult than usual due to multiple grade levels.. Math curriculum working well. Kids had a great time in Katsitsna Bay. Field trip tomorrow to get fish eggs for growing salmon. End of the quarter next week and parent teacher conferences in 2 weeks.

Christen- Great time in Kasitsna bay. Students are putting together a video of pictures and will get that out to parents as soon as it's done. New curriculum, a challenge. Everything is going well and students are happy.

Treasurer report:

Current balance as of October 9, 2023: 8631.66

New revenue since last meeting: New revenue Hope inc Wagon Trail Run funds 2367.04. New rule requires that any donation over 2000 must be used as a grant with a specific purpose. Jeremy makes a motion to use wagon trail funds of 2367.04 for travel expenses. Second by Cindy.

270.60 from hope village (school share from wagon trail pancake breakfast and cake walk)

Expenses- 4439 total cost for Kasitsna Bay field trip.

Student report: No student present

Old business:

Kasitsna Bay - documentation of approval of all funds for the field trip to include deposit, initial payment and final payment. Motion to approve \$4439 for payment to Coastal Studies by Jess, seconded by Tahnetta. Motion approved to include final payment \$2324 to Coastal Studies.

Status of Hope Husky bags - Ready for the library gift shop, Coldwater market and in the lobby of the school.

New business:

Insurance renewal - approval of funds to renew. Motion to approve check for Insurance dues up to 200 by Jeremy, seconded by Cindy.

Next fundraiser - What & when - Purchase of blank t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Print on cricut and iron. Potential to purchase a 400 Cricut machine to have the option to make ourselves.

Levi- wood working project. Timber framing gazebo for Library. Potential for students to work for credit and education. Project would take 100+ man hours for two folks that knew what they were doing. Use of geometry, algebra, measurement and more. Use of construction tools and electric tools. Make class for building this project. Could be done in a month potentially or over a semester. Get timber sides done, then raise the building in the spring. Discussion about mini course option. Logistical discussion between staff members is necessary. Library would be prepared to cover the cost of 8000 minus donations. Tools may be beneficial to purchase for school by kpbsd or pto. A letter will be drafted between the library and PTO to solicit donations for funds. Discussion about age and grade level to be included. The desire is to make it a project for all grades and ages.

Cindy- Would like to do movie night occasionally.

Fundraiser for October- bag sales

Motion to approve bylaws for this year by Jeremy. Second by Tahnetta.

Next meeting scheduled November 6, 2023

Meeting adjourned @ 4:40 motion presented by Tahnetta and seconded by Jeremy.