

Aurora Frontier P - 8
PTO & Accountability Meeting Notes
January 28, 2016

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PTO

Introductions / Welcome!

Financial Update

- PTO Account balance as of today, \$8,913
- From the September PTO meetings, \$5,500 approved in teacher grants
- Will leave a 10% cushion in the PTO fund at the end of the year
- Currently have \$6,000 left for year

How can we get more parents into the school / PTO?

- Posts on facebook
- Open house events (parents & coffee, etc)
- Signs throughout the building
- Friday folder advertisements
- Community contacts – opportunity to raise awareness of need

Fundraiser Update:

- Going forward each year, we would like to get a wish list from school staff in order to better define where the funds raised will go (i.e – teacher grants, technology, etc) also allowing PTO to know how much money is needed and how to plan fundraising for the new year
- Starting February 22nd, students will be selling Butter Braids for 2 weeks
 - Goal is to earn \$1,500 for the school (this equivalent to selling 300 items)
 - Items are \$12, school earns \$5 per item
 - Items will be delivered the week before spring break
 - If successful, this fundraiser could replace the annual Fall ABC Fundraiser each year
- Southlands Earning4Learning Receipts
 - 15 schools participant
 - Looking for someone to be point of contact individual to market program, collect receipts, etc
 - More receipts = more points to earn \$ for the school
 - Double points if entered in before the 7th of each month
- Labels for Education
 - Had over 10,000 points from Campbell labels
 - Allows the school to shop with the points to purchase supplies for the school (i.e. – balls for recess, books, supplies, etc)
- Box Tops
 - 10,000 to date, goal is to collect 20,000
 - Money earned is earmarked for PBiS
- Ball Drive
 - Thinking about asking students to bring in used or new balls
 - Donate extras

- Looking for fundraiser ideas; if have any, please contact Brandi
 - Yard signs / bumper stickers
 - Father / Daughter dance
 - King Soopers Cards
 - Snap Booster
- Lowes donated paint to have the US Map in the back of the school repainted. This will be completed during the summer

Recent Events:

- Watch Dogs Presentation / Dinner was on January 21st was very successful
 - Close to 200 fathers / grandfathers and children attended
 - Had 40 volunteers sign up to help at the end of the event; 5 more since have signed up

Upcoming Events:

- Skate City, 2/24/16, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
 - Extra help is needed at event; please contact Brandi
 - Generally make \$300 - \$350 from each event
- Scholastic Book Fair will be held during Read Across America Week (March) onsite in the school library
- Teacher Appreciation – more details to come
- School Field Day, May 20th
- Movie Day – movie details to come

Teacher Grants:

- Gwen (approved contingent upon being award a larger grant)
 - Recently won grant to remodel Lab for school. We are now looking at ways to improve the other science room for students / technology
 - Submitting information for a grants with the State Tech Assoc – Innovatotions Education Colorado. Will be notified on 3/1/16 if selected for up to \$5,000 (would cover equipment, 60” TV, 3D capabilities, 3-D glasses (20), 5 laptops)
 - Requesting \$1,500 to cover installation of equipment
- 2nd Grade (approved up to \$200)
 - Ms. Gibbens attended and discussed the 2nd grade end of year celebration for writers
 - Students spend this quarter improving their skills from the first part of the year
 - Family is invited to share students published writing
 - First Friday in May
 - Asking for funds to help with refreshments for classes / guests (sprite, sherert, cookie trays, rolls, etc).
 - Parents provide so much during the year, want this to be a chance, parents can show up and enjoy their time

Any contacts to help tap into the community for additional support for the Aurora Frontier Family are appreciated! Community contacts are a great way to get our students involved in community partnerships!

NEXT PTO & ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING:

February 23rd at 6 p.m.