

**Aurora Frontier P - 8**  
**PTO & Accountability Meeting Notes**  
**February 23, 2016**

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**PTO Board Members**

Brandi Walls-Mabry, President  
Shelly White, Vice President  
Rebecca Wonder, Treasurer  
Kristin Conlon, Secretary

**Aurora Frontier Administration**

Cari Roberts, Principal  
Celi Leggett, Assistant Principal

**PTO**

**Introductions / Welcome!**

**Financial Update**

- PTO Account balance as of today is approximately \$5,000
- Please see the attached copy of the PTO Bylaws that were distributed and reviewed at the last meeting

**Fundraiser Update:**

- Going forward each year, school will define where the funds raised will go to (i.e – teacher grants, technology, etc)
- We will be going towards a committee approach with the goal of having a couple of fundraisers. If you are interested in helping, please let Brandi know.
- Butter Braids Fundraiser
  - Goal was to earn \$1,500 for the school (this equivalent to selling 300 items)
  - Items will be delivered the week before spring break
  - As of March 8<sup>th</sup>, the numbers are \_\_\_\_\_
- Labels for Education
  - Have 9,000 labels
  - Allows the school to shop with the points to purchase supplies for the school (i.e. – balls for recess, books, supplies, etc)

**Teacher Grants:**

- Revised Grant Form for staff to complete (sample attached)
- Grant amount approved by PTO could change when the event or need comes (i.e. – bus cost due to gas prices, etc). PTO agreed that if the revised amount is within \$100 from what was approved, it can be altered without further review from the PTO
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration at Elitches
  - 4 students are in need of assistance, \$92
  - Approved

**Upcoming Events:**

- Teacher Appreciation – more details to come
- School Field Day, May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Movie Day – movie details to come

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!



## **Accountability**

### **Reviewed the state wide assessment that is taken by 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students each year**

- If you have any questions on how to read the scores, below are a couple of resources to assist:
  - Cari Roberts is happy to meet with parents
  - <http://understandthescore.org/>
  - <http://www.greatschools.org/gk/common-core-test-guide/>
- Scores changes to 5 categories instead of 4 as in previous years
- The largest scoring category of Frontier students was “met expectations and approached expectations”
- Frontier students had much higher scores than district and state in English and Math
- For Social Studies and Science, there is a new scoring.
  - Frontier made a change based on scores
  - In the past students focused on Science one quarter and Social Studies the next quarter
  - This year, it was changed that students will learn both everyday

### **What are staff looking at?**

- Student engagement:
  - Are they behaviorally and cognitively engaged?
  - Staff responsibility to reengage every child
- Student learning objectives (SLO):
  - Staff has chosen certain students and are tracking their thinking skills
  - Learning walks are conducted by Administration and feedback is provided to teachers about students

### **NEXT PTO & ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING:**

March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m.