

Aurora Frontier P - 8
PTO & Accountability Meeting Notes
August 27, 2015

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:

- Voted Shelly White as Vice President
- Goal is to grow the PTO members and school as a community, while raising money for the school.
- We had a full house this evening for the PTO & Accountability meeting!

Treasurer's Report:

- Starting 2015 school year with \$7,030.96
- At the end of last school year, PTO spent approximately \$4,000 on Chrome Books for students. The Chrome Books have been ordered.
- Chrome Books are similar to a tablet that students can use at school for their work. They don't allow items to be saved on them, however each student is given a google account in Cloud that is secured. Items can be saved and accessed from each classroom and home.
- Moved PTO account from First Bank to the school account where the funds are marked for the PTO. Brandi and Rebecca are the signing authorities for the funds. No money will be used from the PTO money until it is voted on by the PTO members.
- Request for Funding form created. Teachers can submit the form / receipts for a donation / contribution from PTO. All forms will be reviewed by the PTO for approval.

Upcoming Events:

- ABC Fundraising, Inc
 - o Biggest fundraiser for school; \$11,000 was earned last year
 - o There is an assembly on 9/3 and the fundraiser will be kicked off at that time and run for 2 weeks
 - o There are some positive changes this year (i.e. – online ordering available)
 - o ABC Fundraising offers incentives, however school is going to offer incentives to students / class for most sales. An idea for an incentive is pie throwing – Cari, Brandi and Shelly have all put their names in the hat. Other incentive ideas are welcomed; email Brandi.
- Spaghetti Dinner
 - o 6th year that will be holding event. Each student creates a plate and parents can purchase them and attend a dinner at the school
 - o Scheduled for October 8th this year
 - o Goal is \$5,000 – exceeded this last year
 - o Spent \$400 - \$500 last year for supplies, food, etc
 - o Need 20+ volunteers for event to help with food preparation, set up, cleaning, organizing the kids plates, etc. If interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Brandi
 - o Use \$7,000 for the Spaghetti Dinner Scholarship Funds for 8th grade students
 - Each 8th grader writes an essay on what they want to do in life and where they want to go
 - Committee reads through essays; great way to get to know the kids. Committee interviews finalists (had 5 this past year).
 - Scholarships are awarded to students to use for college, tech school, computers
 - If you want to volunteer to read essays, please contact Brandi or Cari

- Skate City Night
 - o First event was on 8/26/15, don't have total from event yet
 - o 3 more family nights; next one is in November
 - o Love to have a volunteer to help with the Skate City Nights. Email Brandi if interested.
- Turkey Run (November)
 - o Walk is about building community / family event
 - o Mrs. Handy organizes the event each year
- Box Tops
 - o Great way for the school to earn easy money (\$0.10 for each box top)
 - o Earned \$1,500 last year, year before was \$1,900. Goal for this school year is \$2,000
 - o Brandi will be placing boxes throughout the school to encourage school wide donations. Will be having student incentives. First one is to duct tape Cari to the wall. The incentives are there to show kids that Cari is out there and involved with them.
 - o Brandi will be creating a bulletin board for Box Tops that show the goal and current standing
 - o We would like to get a good start this year and be sure we meet the 1st deadline in November.
- Earning4Learning (Southlands stores)
 - o Turn in receipts to earn points for school. Box located in the office for receipt collections
 - o Can also earn points if members attend functions (Trick or Treat event)
 - o Can earn \$350 - \$2,500 per year for the school; last year we earned \$350
 - o List of participating stores on the website <http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/southlands/>
 - o Idea: Add fundraising to the Sunday night announcement email
 - o Volunteer: Chiree
- Spirit Wear / Booster Club
 - o Encourage parents/students to attend sporting events to show support to school
 - o Will have a flyer with website to order own school shirts
- Milk Caps for Longmont Dairy
 - o Collection bin in gym for caps
 - o Similar to Box Tops to earn money for school. Payback is \$0.05
- Snow Cones for Sabien
 - o Sabien is a fantastic 8th grade student that has a great outlook on life and everyone can learn something from him
 - o His family has a business plan and started a non-profit organization to build a rec center for special needs. Aurora Frontier has adopted this program and holds Snow Cones for Sabien
 - o Sabien's father has contacted Cari about having a Carnival at the school the weekend of Halloween and all proceeds would go to the Rec Center

Ideas / Suggestions:

- Silent Auction where families donate items
- Bingo Night (with or without the Silent Auction)
 - o Potential tax implications
 - o Class that may need to be taken to host a bingo event
- Movie Night
- Jim & Nicks Family Night
 - o Lisa recommended and said the manager will arrange nights for community events and way to earn money for the school

Please contact Brandi and Shelly regarding any ideas or to volunteer for a committee or event.

Accountability

Background:

- Purpose is to share goals, data, budget and things happening at the school; discuss strengths, challenges and concerns.

- Currently have 672 students attending Aurora Frontier; last year had 666 students

Staffing:

- 3 physical teacher changes for school year
- Additional staff support due to being at 100% capacity for past 3 years

New Mobile Classroom:

- Will always be for middle school students only
- Mobile has 2 classrooms; 1 currently is used as an active classroom, the 2nd is empty
- Current class has AC, PA system, phone, radio and deep rock water access
- Key reader passes have been given to teacher for students to use if they need to use the restroom, come inside, etc
- A key reader will be installed at the doors near the cafeteria soon
- Training has been done and plans put in place for fire drills and lock downs.

Please contact Cari Roberts with any questions or suggestions for the school.

NEXT PTO & ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING: September 24, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Note: There will be a meeting once a month, with the exception of November and December.