

Aurora Frontier P - 8
PTO & Accountability Meeting Notes
September 24, 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

Accountability

Updates:

- The new mobile classrooms card reader is installed and being used by staff and students. We are now able to see everyone coming in and out
- The schools class size is at capacity; a couple of the grade levels are higher than others
 - o Cari Roberts has a meeting with HR regarding the sizes and staffing and is going to ask for extra staffing
 - o The projection of students this year was in the mid-650s, however the school came in closer to 700
 - o We have used the on-time intervention / 5th block funds by hiring 2 para-educators and will be making an offer to an MTS Coordinator shortly
 - o Kindergarten has 27 students in classes and receive extra help throughout the day
- Want this to be a partnership between the school and parents. Will be reaching out to parents with a survey that focuses on different items that parents may want to know more about. This will be going out with the Sunday night announcement.
- Please contact Cari Roberts with any questions or suggestions for the school or Accountability.

PTO

Introductions / Welcome

Teacher Grants:

- These are requests for funding from teachers and staff; they can submit the form / receipts for a donation / contribution from PTO. All forms will be reviewed by the PTO for approval prior to being approved and paid out.
- In the past there was an unwritten rule, that each class received \$150 - \$200 from PTO, however the process is being changed this year to get entire PTO involved and to create a tracking mechanism. At the end of last year an email was sent out to teachers that stated they had until a certain date to turn in their receipts if they haven't used their PTO funds. And they received a ton of requests and receipts at that time.
- When Brandi took over as President this year, Cari asked her to put a process together for better management of money this year as, in the past, the PTO didn't always know what they were paying for or if more teachers received more funds than others.
- This will be considered the trial year and starting point before we set parameters on funds for teachers and staff. We will track the requests, etc and then budget going forward for next year.
- 9 Teacher Grants were reviewed:
 - o 88 Basketball uniforms (\$1,936); this was voted on and agreed to by PTO the end of the last school year. These are the first new uniforms since the school opened 10 years ago. Requested by Mr. Buckley – Approved by PTO

- Cyber Patriot Club, 2 team attendance for this year's competition (2 teams at \$125 each). These are competitions that encourage students to use their talents for good and become good digital citizens. Requested by Gwen Moore – Approved by PTO
- Preschool is asking for \$10 for the ingredients to make play dough and encourage fine motor skills. Requested by Ms. Wong and Ms. Moxham – Approved by PTO
- National Fire and Safety Week is coming up in October and the 1st grade is requesting assistance with purchasing a 16-page book for students that will highlight the visit from the Aurora Fire Department on October 8th. Requested by Mrs. Whitted – Approved by PTO
- Can Jam (\$246.25); this is a new game that is a tool to encourages movement. Requested by Mrs. Handy – Approved by PTO
- Attendance at a workshop to deepen understanding of student's behavior. This is a 1-day seminar and the cost for teacher is \$150. A few other teachers are already attending and paying for themselves. – Not Approved by PTO due to having limited funds for all teachers to attend seminars and the PTO is not able to support every teacher for continued education
- 4th grade team is requesting transportation for a field trip in February (\$299 district price for buses). The field trip is at the History Museum and Molly Brown house to focus on Colorado history. Parents are already paying \$20 for one field trip and \$9 for this field trip and teachers didn't want to ask parents for more money. – Approved by PTO
- Request for a droid (\$161) that is used to reward positive behavior and help make goals toward the IEP goals for students in grade 3 – 7. The droid helps students explain emotion, helps with focus and has emotions. It is a great tool for students with Autism. Requested by Justin. – Approved by PTO
- Organization baskets (\$55.97) for higher advanced readers for classroom use. Requested by Ms. Justa. Approved by PTO

Events:

- ABC Fundraising, Inc
 - The school earned \$9,200 from the first fundraising of the year
 - \$3,000 sales were from online orders
 - All items will be delivered the week of October 19th
- Spaghetti Dinner
 - 6th year that will be holding event.
 - Scheduled for October 8th
 - Need 20+ volunteers for event to help with food preparation, set up, cleaning, organizing the kids plates, etc. We appreciate everyone's willingness to help with this fun event!
 - www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0944AEAE28A3FA7-aurora
- Skate City Night
 - 3 more family nights; next one is November 10th
 - Love to have a volunteer to help with the Skate City Nights. Email Brandi if interested.
- Turkey Run (November)
 - Walk is about building community / family event
 - Mrs. Handy organizes the event each year.
 - Looking for volunteers to call around within Aurora for donations. If interested, reach out to Mrs. Handy for more information
- Box Tops
 - Brandi has created a bulletin board for Box Tops that show the goal and current standing
 - We would like to get a good start this year and be sure we meet the 1st deadline in November.

- Earning4Learning (Southlands stores)
 - o We are going to wait on pushing this out since we just finished the ABC Fundraiser and are in the middle of the Spaghetti Dinner now

- 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 A Carnival that benefits Sabian's Rec Center will be held at the school on October 31st from 10 a.m – 4 p.m.
 - o Volunteers are needed: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48aca62ca0fd0-volunteers>

- Monthly Fun Nights
 - o If interested in helping to plan an event, please contact Brandi
 - Movie Night
 - Bingo
 - Silent Auction
 - Parents Night Out

PTO Shirts:

- Reminder: PTO Membership is \$10 and includes an Aurora Frontier PTO shirt
- Checks are payable to Aurora Frontier PTO and can be given to Brandi

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

NEXT PTO & ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING: October 29, 2015 at 6 p.m.

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