

April 20, 2015
PTO Meeting
6:30-7:30

Meeting began at 6:30 pm

Welcome and Introductions- Brooke Ust

Principal Report- Jill Gebeke

Budget Update

Budget

Overall we received an increase of funding, however, average salaries have increased.

Total budget of 2,461,000 for 2014-2015 to 2,535,000 of 2015-2016.

Large decrease in Title 1 funding this year, almost \$40K less.

New tier system in Title 1 funding.

Cuts

Cut all technology support to elementary teachers.

The Library/Aide will not be replaced.

Kids will still have access to library half hour/week.

PTO will be looking into staffing library with parent volunteers

Changes for 15-16

Grade level changes, teachers may be shifting grades/classrooms

PE- STEM- Arts (0.5 Music and 0.5 Art)

Special ED

No cuts in Special Education- staffing remains the same

Will receive a placement to Para Special Ed position

ELL

No cuts to ELL budget.

Nursing

Nursing saw a slight increase to 0.6 (equivalent to 3 days/ week).

Hourly Teachers

Reduce some amount, but will have in a limited capacity next year.

Administrator/ Staff/ Guardian/ Student Compact

This document was reviewed and revised by the PTO and the Principal.

Family Engagement Plan for 2015-2016

This document was reviewed and revised by the PTO and the Principal.

PTO Budget Update- Carrie Peltier

Running Club budgeted to spend 200, but spent 630\$. Also, we expected the income from Running Club to be \$1000.00, but it was actually only \$880.00.

Silent Auction earned over \$7,090.75.

Teachers need to spend their classroom grants. There is still a little over \$4,000 that needs to be spent.

We will be discussing the budget at the May PTO meeting. Bring your ideas to the May meeting.

Science Fair- Brooke Ust

The science fair was optional this year, since it needed to be completed at home and there was no time carved out during the day at school. Not all kids have support to complete these projects at home. This year, 177 students participated, when it was optional. Last year 346 students participated, when it was required. All of the activities related to the science fair occurred in the evening. Mr. Altman made the root beer and Como Grill donated the ice cream. Many parents feel that the science fair should not be optional. A parent suggested a partnership between University graduate students and the elementary school, so that everyone in the school can be supported in order to participate.

Silent Auction- Brooke Ust

This was on April 11 at Gabe's by the Park. We had less than 100 participants. We earned about the same amount as last year, about \$7,000.00. Next year there will be an on-line auction before the auction. We will also try some other types of raffles. Perhaps we will do it earlier in the year next year.

Twins Cares Program- Brooke Ust

This is our second year partnering with the Twins. They partner with lower income schools. We recieved 150 tickets for one game last year. This year we got 50 tickets for April 18th game. We have 50 tickets for May 2 and 50 tickets for May 30. We hope to continue this program next year.

Teacher Appreciation May 4- May 8- Brooke Ust

Last year we did treats in the teacher's lounge to let them know we appreciate them. We will be looking for volunteers for this week. A potluck we will provided on the last day of that week.

Carnival on May 15 from 5-8 pm

The Carnival needs volunteers. It has been advertised in the Park Bugle and The Monitor. It will be advertised in The District 10 E-Newsletter.

NW Como Recreation Center- Darcy Rivers

A yellow flyer with summer classes and camps was sent out to all kids in the classroom folder. Sign up now!

PTO Secretary Position Open for 2015-2016

Next PTO Meeting May 18 at 6:30 pm