

Summit Middle School Minutes, Johnston IA

January 3, 2017

Attendees: Tracy Walker, Tammy Coslin, Paulette Langwith, Chelsey Tanke; Liz Meeley, Tom Pohl, Sarah Grady, and Joy Wiebers

Called to Order 7:03 pm [Tracy Walker]

Old Business-Minutes

1. **Approval of Minutes – December 2016**

- a. Adjustments requested
 - i. Corrected \$ acronym from November minutes; done by Liz Meeley.
 - ii. Corrected spelling errors in December minutes (Tammy “Dial” and Mrs. “Ites”); done by Liz Meeley.
 1. Motions made to approve: 1st – Paulette Langwith, 2nd – Sarah Grady
 2. Unanimous approval

New Business

2. **Treasure Report – Paulette Langwith**

- a. Balance as of 12/30/2016 \$15,020.24.
- b. Balance seems high but grants not paid out yet.
- c. Finally have a check from 2016 Purple Party \$1400 (more than planned for)
- d. Couple of outstanding deposits so balance closer to \$16,000.00 as of January 3, 2017.
- e. Clarification about Teen Choice Awards
 - i. In the past PTO paid for these but with the possibility of electronic copies, Summit is working with the AEA and possible grants to pay for these.
 1. Motion made to approve: 1st – Tammy Coslin ; 2nd – Chelsey Tanke
 2. Unanimous approval

3. **Principal Report – Joy Wiebers**

- a. Karen Coldrake Foundation along with the Johnston Community School Foundation have donated tables with TV's to the Media Center
 - i. Along with recent upgrades to the Media Center, this has increased traffic to the media center!! Teachers are bringing students down to use the rejuvenated space and students are also using the space on their own time.
 - ii. Unfortunately the new tables are not quite ready to use – the company sent the wrong electronics and chairs so these need to be exchanged.
 - iii. There will be an Open House January 19th from 4:30 – 6pm along with a presentation to the Coldrake Family at 5pm.
 - iv. Please notice the plaque honoring Karen Coldrake placed at the front entrance of the Media Center.
- b. Iowa Assessment Tests will be taken from January 30 – February 10
 - i. Possibly the last year students will take tests through Iowa Assessment
 - ii. Strong movement to use new assessment program called “Smart Balance” or “Park”
 1. More aligned to curriculum being taught
 2. Online testing not filling in bubbles
 3. Other states already using Smart Balance with positive comments from students/parents moving into the JH district
 4. Teacher training this spring

- 5. Not 100% certain of this change – could change with new political representatives starting this year.
- c. District strongly considering switching start times [i.e. K-5 will be the earlier start]
 - i. Survey coming out this month for parents (January 12), students (grades 4-12; January 9th), and staff (January 5th). Look for postcards, letters, and emails.

d. Comments – please email Joy Weibers

4. President’s Report – Tracy Walker

- a. A huge thanks to Tammy Coslin for being solo president and also to those taking minutes in December!!!
- b. Thanks to Tammy Coslin for delivering Pizzas to Mr. Hiatt and Mrs. Sundae as winners of the Kleenex/Clorox wipes drive
 - i. 696 items collected!
- c. Coming up:
 - i. January: 6th and 7th Grade Socials to benefit Amanda the Panda
 - 1. Still need chaperones for both socials (6th Grade -Friday, January 6; 7th Grade – Friday, January 27). Contact Mr. Hiatt
 - ii. February: Elementary PTO is All-District
 - 1. Need to promote Summit PTO to incoming parents
 - iii. March
 - 1. Scholastic Book Fair (Sarah Grady & Marcie Simmons)
 - 2. Conferences (Thursday, March 2, 1:30-8pm and Tuesday, March 7, 4:40-8pm)
 - 3. Conference Meal (Shellie Kreps and Janine Woodsmall)
 - iv. April
 - 1. April 6 is Community Day (Chelsey Tanke)
 - a. Students will be working with Meals for the Heartland
 - 2. Cookie Walk (dates to be determined); Claire Balsmeier and Holly Conaway

d. Positions needed to be filled for 2017-2018

i. Co-President

ii. Treasurer (note this is less work than elementary treasurer)

iii. Community Day co-chair

- e. Next year electronic registration for the district
 - i. How should PTO send info for Summit PTO participation
 - 1. Paper vs. online
 - 2. Google Docs
 - ii. Along with online registration, provide online link for payment and donations
 - 1. PayPal strong consideration
 - a. Question – could we eliminate fees since PTO is non-profit?
- f. Summit Parent Resources – possible link through PTO Website
- g. Switch to Broken Arrow and drop Bling Factory
 - i. Used Broken Arrow for gym uniforms and went well – quick turnaround, better profit.
 - ii. Discussion over paying Broken Arrow to sort items
 - 1. Previously handled by PTO and it was hard to keep track of orders and took time to fix wrong items.
 - 2. Increase cost by \$1 but Broken Arrow would sort by student and PTO would deliver to classrooms or have parents collect at “Meet the Teacher”. That way any incorrect items would be corrected directly by Broken Arrow and PTO would not be the middle man.

3. Question about Spiritwear – Summit does not provide Spiritwear since students are only in the school for 2 years and most won't wear Summit items once they are no longer in the school.
- iii. Discussion over new Entrepreneur Class
 1. Students are creating and printing items but more of a design class and not a production line.
- iv. Summit Leader Social benefiting Amada the Panda
 1. Mr. Hiatt is the contact
 2. 6th grade -Friday, January 6; 7th Grade – Friday, January 27; both 2:50-4pm
 3. Basketball, board games, and dancing in the gym. Tickets \$2.00 and concession stand will be open for snacks.
 - 4. Still need chaperones for both events.**
 5. January 23-27 collecting new Teddy Bears and Permanent Markers for donations to Amanda the Panda
 - a. The Community who brings in the most items, will receive a snack party!
- h. Committee Report
 - i. Community Day – Chelsey Tanke
 1. Looking for Co-chair to help Chelsey with possible consideration to take this on
 2. April 6 date confirmed
 3. Chelsey will apply for grant to match funds
 4. Raising money
 - a. Coin Drive works well
 - b. Social – went well last year and plan to repeat along with swimming option. Need to set a date.
 5. Positive feedback from Related Arts teachers – nice for them to be involved directly.
 - i. EPI Supplies – Liz Meeley
 - i. Will gather supply information from teachers mid-late February

Door prizes and motion to Adjourn at 8:12 PM.

- a. Motion to adjourn: 1st –Tammy Coslin; 2nd – Paulette Langwith
- b. Unanimous Approval.

Next Meeting – February 7, 2017