

Summit Middle School Minutes, Johnston IA

September 5, 2017

Attendees: Tracy Walker, Karmen Gano, Alex Nelissen, Kristy Grimes, Carol Kris, Lynette Hillabolt, Sarah Grady, Jennifer Montgomery, Jackie Johnson, Renea Barker, Ashley Brown, Tom Pohl, Lisa Cracraft, Katie Coen, Cindy Tuttle, Sarah Womacks, Julie Dunham, Denice Ostrander, and Mr. Billings.

Also in attendance were the five Johnston School Board member candidates: Justin Allen, Steve Hopper, Jeanie Kerber, Soneeta Mangra-Dutcher, and Brad Ortmeier.

Called to Order 7:04 pm [Karmen Gano]

Introductions

Old Business-Minutes

1. **Approval of Minutes – May 2017**

a. No adjustments

1. Motions made to approve: 1st – Carol Krois S, 2nd – Karmen Gano
2. Unanimous approval

New Business

2. **Treasure Report – Alex Nelissen**

a. Balance as of August 31, 2017: **\$8,438.72**

- i. Minimum balance as stated in by-laws -\$1,000
- ii. Outstanding items -\$95.74

iii. Available \$7,342.98

b. More revenue than expenses last year.

c. Proposed budget presented and explained (Tracy Walker and Alex Nelissen)

- i. PTO dues changed from previous year, down about \$500
 1. Open House took in some funds but have not received all from front office
- ii. Scholastic BookFair – what goes in, goes out (considered a wash).
 1. Teacher's receive Scholastic Dollars not cash.
- iii. Community Day – Meals from the Heartland
 1. What we collect goes back to the community
 2. Any extra money is placed into a separate fund to be used for a cushion the following year or used further for a community project
 - a. Last summer sack lunches were made for Chapel Ridge
 - b. Gave an extra \$900 to Meals from the Heartland.

d. Motion made to approve: 1st – Carol Krois ; 2nd – Denice Ostrander

1. Unanimous approval

3. **Principal Report – Mr. Chris Billings**

- a. New principal is Mr. Chris Billings who was the Principal at Gilbert Middle School, Gilbert, IA.
- b. High pressure to succeed well.
- c. It has been a pleasure to meet staff – high degree of professionalism and smooth transition.
- d. Mr. Billings spoke of the tragedy surrounding Ali Hashim
 - i. Response – Crisis team met at 7am the next morning
 - ii. Emailed teachers on how to proceed

- iii. Room 130 was set up with 3-4 Counselors where students were referred with an escort.
- iv. Group or individual counseling available.
- v. Johnston Public Library also supported community – wonderful gesture.
- vi. Trauma counseling available for those students who were on the scene.
- e. Vision: 21st Century Learning
 - i. Research suggests that teaching students the most relevant, useful, in-demand, and universally applicable skills should be prioritized in today's schools. When you add in creativity and innovation, the take-away lessons go way up.
- f. Technology equals share and react
 - i. Current furniture is very institutional – needs to become more collaborative and want to make areas for this to happen.
 - ii. "Maker Space"
 - iii. Not an overnight process
 - iv. Currently 6 teachers are working on project based learning Pilot programs.
 - 1. Hope to grow based on this model
 - 2. Overall goal - use content learn to DO something!

4. **President's Report** – Tracy Walker

- a. Reminder, Summit PTO meets the first Tuesday of each month but there are a couple of meetings that are out of sequence. Please look to our website or ½ page flyer for further information.
- b. Open House was chaotic!
 - i. Kudos to the Silvercord students who participated!!!
- c. Voting for full approval of the 2017-2018 Summit PTO Board
 - i. Co-Presidents: Tracy Walker and Karmen Gano
 - ii. Treasurer: Alex Nelissen
 - iii. Secretary: Liz Meeley
 - 1. Motions made to approve: 1st – Denice Ostrander S, 2nd – Carol Krois
 - 2. Unanimous approval
- d. Fundraisers
 - i. Duct Tape Challenge
 - 1. Coin drive for 2 days
 - 2. Select 2 6th grade and 2 7th grade teachers to be duct taped to wall using ISU vs. Iowa State Duct Tape (purchased by students for \$2/strip)
 - 3. Plan to make \$800-\$900
 - ii. Magazine Sales
 - 1. Goal is to purchase collaborative centers including but not limited to white board tables and media outlets for I pads.
 - 2. September 13 is Kick-off day
 - a. Students split into 4 groups of 50 minutes each. Hope to keep their attention!
 - 3. Following day is booklet turn-in
 - 4. Look for flyers to come home.
 - 5. End of Sale is the Mega Party!
 - a. Time limit, not all day.
 - b. Inflatables, games, raffles
 - 6. September 20 is Turn-In day
 - 7. Last year raised about \$15,000
- e. Supply Sales (Liz Meeley)
 - i. This year had collection in cafeteria but became chaotic.

- ii. Perhaps use gym next year and spread out kits for ease of access.
- f. Welcome Back Breakfast
 - i. Bandit Burritos
 - ii. Went over well
- g. Spiritwear
 - i. Had issue with delivery when people clicked on JMS instead of Summit (about 50 orders)
 - ii. Profit about \$3,500
 - iii. Next year add \$1 per item and ship directly to home. Avoid PTO as middleman.
 - iv. Last day to order, September 6 @ 10pm
 - v. Question why we are using Broken Arrow vs. Bling
 - 1. Profit more with Broken Arrow
 - 2. For further information look to last year's minutes – this was discussed over course of a couple of months and then voted upon.
- h. Open positions
 - i. Publicity
 - ii. Purple Party Rep
 - iii. Cookie Walk
 - iv. Bookfair Co-Chair
 - v. Magazine Sales Coordinator
- i. **For 2018-2019 board will need a Co-president and Treasurer**
 - 1. Both Tracy and Karmen will no longer have children at Summit.

New Business

- 5. Concern raised about Ipad covers
 - i. Need to be more durable
 - ii. Need place to store stylus

Motion to Adjourn at 7:48 PM.

- a. Motion to adjourn: 1st –Karmen Gano; 2nd – Alex Nelissen
- b. Unanimous Approval.

After meeting the Candidates for open School Board positions discussed their views and took questions. We appreciate their time and wish all the best of luck!