

Summit Middle School Minutes, Johnston IA

November 7, 2017

Attendees: Karmen Gano, Liz Meeley, Kristy Grimes, Tara Hartman, and Mr. Billings.

Called to Order 7:06 pm [Karmen Gano]

Introductions

Old Business-Minutes

1. **Approval of Minutes – September 2017**

- a. Adjustments – Kristy Grimes on attendees twice, will remove one.
 1. Motions made to approve: 1st – Tara Hartman, 2nd – Kristy Grimes
 2. Unanimous approval

New Business

2. **Treasure Report** – Karmen Gano

- a. Balance as of September 30, 2017: \$15,171.35 [last month missed Treasurer Report]
- b. Balance as of **October 31, 2017: \$32,268.94**
- c. Partial payment will be made to Mr. Billing for community furniture.

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

a. New focus for Johnston Community School District is “Foundation for Excellence”

i. Building a culture of innovation today to prepare learners for tomorrow.

1. Movement from last year focus of “Community” and “Educating Leaders for 21st Century”
- ii. <https://www.johnstoncsd.org/district/administration/superintendent-lunn/foundation-excellence-plan/>
- iii. Also look to Superintendent Focus Areas found at <https://www.johnstoncsd.org/district/administration/superintendent-lunn/communication-to-public/>
- iv. Compass points - All contribute to 21st Century Learning
 1. Portrait of a Learner
 2. Community & Global Mindfulness
 3. Critical Thinking
 4. Student Learning and Well-Being
- b. Working with 7th grade Project Lead the way during Summit Strong Literature Extension with Social Studies
 - i. 4-5 students per group
 - ii. Each group will have an issue and each student a role
 - iii. There will be 1) Proposal, 2) Research, and 3) Presentation
 - iv. The group may succeed or fail – goal is adapting to succeed.
 - v. This aligns with Goals of District as outlined above

4. **President’s Report** – Karmen Gano

- a. Fall conference meal – thanks to all involved, both Chairpersons and Committee!
 - i. Texas Roadhouse
- b. \$11,000 given to Mr. Billings from the fall magazine sales profit.
 - i. Hoping for \$5,000 more but we get paid as people pay so money will trickle in throughout the year.
 - ii. Increased profit due to direct donations using Paypal and Friends of Summit

1. Currently received \$7,020.38; budgeted \$2,100.00!
- c. Magazine Party, Wednesday, November 8
 - i. 10am – 12pm
 - ii. All volunteer slots full!
 - d. Bookfair
 - i. At this time partially completed
 1. Thursday night had great volunteers
 2. Planning to open for a brief time the next morning in to sell the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid (some students may not be able to purchase during conferences the following Thursday).
 - e. Fall Grants – PTO Budget \$5,000.00
 - i. Overall consideration looked at number of students who benefit and if other grants or means of payment are available.
 - ii. The following Furniture Grants will be forwarded to Mr. Billings, at his discretion, to pay with Magazine Sales Profits
 1. Stacy Irvine, \$149.00 – Stability Balls
 2. David Drucker, \$2,000 – Flexible Seating
 3. Allison Barlow & Josh Greenlee, \$4,000 – Flexible/collaborative furniture
 4. David Drucker, \$1,500 – Flexible Seating
 - iii. Approved: Alex Lancaster, \$338.47 – Ipad stands for Building Technology Goal
 - iv. On hold: Rob Robison, \$857.78 – Robotics wheels for Project Lead the Way.
 - v. Denied: Kelly McAlister & Stephanie Stockton, \$264.00 – Scholastic Scope Subscription
 - vi. Approved: Jenna Logan, \$2,367.06 – provide classroom set of Iowa Teen Choice Award books for each Language Arts Teacher, one for Mrs. Stockton, plus two sets of Iowa Teen and two sets of Iowa Children for the Media Center (Mrs. Tuttle).
 - vii. Denied: Justin Young, \$117.48 – set of Iowa Teen Choice for his classroom
 - viii. On hold waiting for options: Cindy Tuttle, \$3,500.00 – Bring author Kate Klise to Summit Middle School.
 - ix. Denied: Cade Hoversten, \$255.00 – Positive reinforcement items and fidget spinners for classroom.
 - x. Approved: Yolanda Christensen, \$400.00 – PBIS rewards
 - xi. Partial Funding: Lacy Willenborg, \$400.00 (of \$600 requested) – Easels to display Project Based Learning in Language Arts
 - xii. Partial Funding: Meagan Belieu, \$8,448.65 for Demo tables (\$3,317.85), worktables (\$1,635.00), & Z stools (\$3,495.80)
 1. This funding request is for Family Consumer Science which has limited ability for grants – it was decided that when approved grants are given out, PTO will work with M. Belieu to purchase the items she has the greatest need for.
 - xiii. PTO recommendations as stated above
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 - f. Committee Reports
 - i. Spring Book Fair Chair – still open
 - ii. Spirit Wear Fall 2017
 1. BIG Hit!
 2. Samples out on Thursday conferences
 3. Added \$1 per item for direct shipping

- iii. Johnston Strong Wear
 - 1. 2nd Buying option offered
 - 2. Totals not available yet
- g. **For 2018-2019 board will need a Co-president and Treasurer**
 - 1. **Both Tracy and Karmen will no longer have children at Summit.**
 - ii. Summit PTO organized with two co-presidents
 - 1. Great way to organize time and effort
 - 2. Lose touch with school/district once in 6th and 7th so PTO a great way to keep updated.

New Business

- 5. Calendar Committee Representative (Tara Hartman) – open discussion for comments for Tara to take back to Calendar Committee
 - a. Johnston reports hours to State but pay teachers by days – not able to change much year to year.
 - i. Current 180-day contract, if contract moved to hours, will lose 7 days instruction.
 - b. Start Date decided – August 23
 - c. Discussion – do we need the Friday off before Spring Break?
 - d. Comment/Discussion – colleges moving their spring break, should Johnston also move theirs?
 - e. Proposed Friday, May 31 as last day of school – possible solution is remove day-off the Friday before winter break. Combine with early Professional Development Day.
 - f. Discussion – Combine all schools into one conference time since Elementary is doing one-day flexible scheduling. Currently Fall conferences for K-5 & MS-HS are on different schedule.
 - g. * since this meeting, a draft of the 2018-2019 academic calendar has been released.
 - i. <https://www.johnstoncsd.org/news/2017/11/2018-19-draft-academic-calendar-presented-board/>

Next meeting, Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Motion to Adjourn at 7.57 PM.

- a. Motion to adjourn: 1st –Tara Hartman; 2nd – Kristy Grimes
 - a. Unanimous Approval.