

## **AGENDA**

### **PTO Executive Board Meeting Monday, February 9, 2015**

**Eric Chisausky** - Principal  
**Co-President** - Tracy Korbus  
**Co-President** - Anne Deis  
**Vice President** - Lauren Walsh  
**Treasurer** - Margaret Chung  
**Communications** - Carolyn Mannarino  
**Secretary** - Courtney Stach  
**Guest Speaker** - Amy McCurry

- I. Call to Order 9:05am
- II. Minutes were approved from the February 4, 2015 - General Meeting.

### **III. Amy McCurry D181 Board of Education Candidate**

#### **A. BOE Candidate from Walker School**

- Amy explaining her role as a parent liaison.
  - When FRN started, it was a group to help parents with children with special needs.
  - Amy started as a parent on the FRN Board.
  - Spring of 2012, this is really an interesting strategy and wow, are we going to need a lot of support. I was sitting there as a special ed teacher, and a special ed parent.
  - Kevin Russell was very thorough on what the 5-year plan was and here is where I am today.
  - We were reviewing curricular events and common core standards.
  - We were making a study of the high and advanced learner and those who are struggling, and those who could learn a little bit more, need more.
  - Historically the pendulum was always special ed and gifted.
  - We have 6.7% special needs child assigned to a case manager.
  - We are reviewing text books and learning tools.
  - I am excited about my journey. It is part of my conviction and listening to my calling.
  - My First Grade teacher inspired me.
  - There is going to be quantitative data to measure whether this is successful.
  - 'Eric, Walker School looks pretty good with our typical growth standards'
- Individual expected growth with each child, Eric believes is most important.
- March 5th is the Candidate Night - and it is an Open Forum Meeting.
  - Thursday, February 12th, 2015 - Meet the Caucus Endorsed Candidates at HMS.

#### **IV. Principal's Report**

Welcome, Happy February 2015

- Everyone should have received their individual MAP reports last Friday.
- We have been doing a lot with MAP here.
- Last week, we had a benchmark meeting, trimester two-check point.
- We have the grade levels come, and we enlist the support personnel. We look at all of the data, who is making progress and who is not. We are looking at red, yellow, green and we start making plans based on those findings. Usually, there is a letter that follows, maybe we can give your child extra reading help.
- Additionally, we are moving those students from average to above-average.

- We want to introduce concepts a little bit earlier.
- Flexible Grouping is a concept that you might hear, and there are some students that we are pulling out 15-20 minutes a day to get a little more Math if they are ready to introduced to new and challenging concepts.
- In the absence of the gifted program, we want to convey that there is a level of assurance that my child is getting what they need.
- Teachers feel like 'I can deliver it for them', or 'I have to seek help to give them their resources'.
- The Danielson framework, is huge.
- In-view and other quantitative tests, plus teacher feedback helps place students.
- Do we have the right criteria? We are working to place 5th graders correctly for middle school.
- We have to make sure their procedural math is strong and their conceptual math is strong too for placement.
- PARCC testing, is coming up and we are preparing for all aspects of it.
- PARCC test proctor, has to monitor each child's test minutes to go to the bathroom and give those minutes back.
- The PARCC students will be required to use headphones for their tests. There are two ELA tests and two Language Arts test. We are learning there may be a multi-media questions to listen and respond to that- composing on a written answer. We want all students to have headphones. We should check inventories, and we may be short a few that we should order. The kids should have given them to the teachers.
- Eric has no problem supplementing the 30-40 headphones that they might be missing.
- SELAS week is the last week of January, this was an engaging way to share the themes.
- UNIQUE, - I am unique because I do this in my family. February SELAs word is COOPERATION.
- 2/20/15 is the end of the 2nd trimester.
- Report cards are March 6th, 2015.

## **V. Treasurer's Report**

We covered budget adjustments in January 12th meeting and then the last General P.T.O. Meeting February 4th, 2015. (See details in those minutes).

## **VI. Communications Report**

- A. Web Hits** to the "Desk of the the Principal"
- B.** Orange Ruler click-rate was a 16% click rate.
- C.** The hit rate for Eric is 27.5% from the Desk of the Principal. That's very positive!
- D.** Meet Dr. White 21%, so again these are getting great click ratings.

## **VII. President's Report**

- A.** Learning for All Document was presented. The Board ask them to go back and present a seminole document. Learning for All has been integrated into 1-plan, 1-document.
- B.** Digital Learning Initiative is being voted on tonight 2/9/15. The Digital Learning Initiative is hiring Ian Jukes to come in and do a study on our technology in D181.
- C.** On 2/23/15 the Math-in-Focus program and Big Ideas program will be voted on.
- D.** The Compacting Goal, Algebra I by 8th Grade is the overall goal for the district.
- E.** Please read purple and orange colored checkerboard document distributed on a diagonal.
- F.** Walker School Kindergarten Registration - February 24th and 25th need volunteers.
- G.** Directory Form is being collected by Ken Sturma so that all of the information is correct. Ken Sturma is the Superintendent of Technical Facilities. The data is going to be collected in an exported file.

-The first download would be July 1 and September 4th, the directory will be online and by paper directory.

-There is not date yet for General Registration as they are doing a pilot program.

F. Please participate in the 5 Essentials Survey off the Walker School P.T.O. Website if you have time.

### **VIII. Committee Reports**

A. Student Leadership team

B. Feeding Children Worldwide. Tracy Head was going to help write the grant and we are looking for \$150.00.

1. Basket-of-Basics will be our 2nd Community Service Project. The Basket of Basics, and buy baskets at the \$1 dollar store, toilet paper, tooth paste, diapers and basics. The kids with the parent mentors help and fill the basket. The organization will come and pick up the baskets.

-We need to raise \$270.00 for the Student Leadership.

-We have money for the 3rd grade- Survival Kits.

-We have a \$100 for (49) kids.

-There are 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We have (7) classes taking the PARCC.

-Our block is 9:15-11:15am is the PARCC block, except for 4th grade, where they test in the morning and the afternoon.

-We talked about an extra student leadership meeting to develop the supportive quotes.

-This Thursday, February 12th is the next Student Leadership meeting.

-PARCC Power Pack! 1-day mini-bottle and gum and parents can supplement the rest of the days.

-Kids can sell Power Packs at recess.

-\$3.00 per kit, and little bags with tiny water and gum. There will be 1-mini water and a pack of gum and then the extra waters will go into the classroom.

-We have \$100.00 to use to underwrite the costs.

-We will sell the PARCC Power Pack week well-before the Leadership Meeting, we just need a sample test. We need to sell next week, pre-order, PARCC Power Packs.

-Selling the PARCC Power Packs - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

-We can package on Thursday, February 12th, 2015.

-The 4th and 5th graders eat lunch first, to sell PARCC Power Pack.

-We still have (2) All School assemblies left and want to book SELAs.

-International Day has been backed-up on the calendar but will get set.

C. Spring Family Fun Night - April 17th, 2015

D. Auction - Save the Date - MARCH 7th, 2015

Communications

-Thursday E-Blast - a nugget every morning to broadcast the importance of auction.

-Top 10 Friday Folder Inserts

E. Spelling Bee\* - March 6th Afterschool

F. Science Fair\* - TBD

IX. New Business\*

A. PARCC\*

B. All School Assemblies\*

C. MAP Results\*

X. Old Business\*

A. Box Tops\*

\*The items that have (\*) were not covered in our meeting due to time running out.

11:25am Meeting Adjourned.