

I. Call to Order 9:05am

In Attendance:

Principal: Eric Chisausky

Presidents: Lindsey Patel & Jessica Christensen

Co-Presidents: Angela Ordway and Dana Martin

Treasurer: Courtney Sigmund

Co-Treasurer: Kim Lowe

Communications: Molly Pierce

Secretary: Courtney Stach

II. Approved Minutes (October 15, 2018)

III. Principal's Report

A. School Updates

- Illinois State Report Card came out with a new status designations, Exemplary Status.
- Our students scored in the top 10% of all the students in the state = Exemplary.
- This Exemplary Designation from the State of Illinois is a great achievement: some district schools missed it by a tiny percentage.
- Commendable is the other category.
- PARCC scores are the statewide assessment and a metric for the growth and achievement.
- Around 90%, of our students are making growth achievements.
- When Monroe received their Blue Ribbon, Principal Chisausky began to research the Blue Ribbon and what it takes to get one. The criteria varies.
- Our students are growing and achieving at a consistent rate.
- New Areas of Improvement: We are targeting-in on constructive response writing.
- PARCC test has gone to a new testing company.
- It will be called something new, so we will be prepared for this change.
- Parent Teacher Conferences begin on November 19th, and sign ups were on Skyward. If you did not get your time slot secured during the designated times then you must schedule with the teacher.
- Report Cards get released Friday. Skyward is the system used to view the report cards. Please call your teacher or the office if you have trouble locating your child's report card.

B. Teacher Liaison Updates

- Mrs. Hafner and Mrs. Marquardt rocked the Wheel of Wisdom during the Halloween Assembly!
- The new Constructive Response Writing Program, is where all teachers are working to incorporate writing into every element of their day.
- Writing versus typing concept; teachers are introducing typing skills a lot earlier than before to help the children feel comfortable on a key board and perform better on the standardized test responses.
- The writing focus and the teaching of R.A.C.E. has been implemented.
- Eric is pleased with the writing initiative and you will hear more from him on his report in the FROM the DESK of the PRINCIPAL.
- Rubrics per classroom are being identified and followed.
- Teacher Grants have had a great response, and most teachers are using them.

- Mrs. Paige O'Connell wants some guided reading tests. This has been a recent discussion item.
- We've spent \$500 and have \$4500 remaining - excluding Julie Hafner's current request.
- Homerun Inn and the catered Mexican Lunch was completely delicious per Mrs. Hafner and thank you!!! They've enjoyed left overs too!
- It's good to the teachers' luncheon (catered) middle of the week so the leftovers can be enjoyed.
- There was a reminder about the teacher stipend and to remind them to make sure they use it.
- Outdoor Ed was awesome, we felt one-night as completely sufficient.
- The scheduling would be the only thing that they would change to make it more manageable so that everything could be incorporated.
- It's a nice memory for the 5th graders.
- Lindsey wanted to know about the Angel Fund, how much to set aside for next year's Outdoor Ed budget.
- One more year works at Camp Edwards, and then we are continuing to explore other options for Outdoor Ed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- A. \$137,000 is our current balance.
- B. \$132,000 real cash as there are checks outstanding
- C. There are over \$6000 of checks outstanding; nothing really past 90-days except for one,
- D. Please encourage people to pick up their checks per committee.
- E. Audit was completed and everything balanced at the end. It was balanced perfectly to the cent. We went through the reimbursements manually. It's perfect and we are in good shape.
- F. Our state and federal taxes have been completed. Federal we do electronically. Courtney sent the state taxes in last week.
- G. Courtney Sigmund cut the check for Scoreboard charities as our thank you! \$250
- H. Courtney is paying the expense from last year even though it's not budgeted for of 2018.
- I. Budget is not the Bible; it's fluid and moving.

V. President's Report

- A. Next General P.T.O. Meeting Allison Voss Article Presentation on December 3rd MONDAY first article discussion about how to incorporate education for parents and how to talk and work through things like Anxiety and Anger - 2pm
-5th Grade and the CHMS Principal comes over
- B. David Flood Assembly - \$500 to speak to us and he's speaking at HMS and CHMS, 2/12/19. It's a 30-minute assembly.
- C. We found an astronaut to work with on a possible presentation.
 1. Parent List powered by Google Forms. It's a set letter for recommendations.
 2. D181 Board Member Search as the caucus is no longer.
 3. Community House Presentation (after school care)
 Apollo Program rates are going up!
 4. No D181 Caucus for Board Members (Meeting Wed at Hinsdale Library).
- D. What is a gift; on the docket of budget? Some are gifts not P.T.O. purchased.

VI. Other Reports

- A. Staff Grants Program is successfully underway.
 1. 5th Grade Flex Furniture - Granted - Getting Ready to Purchase!
 2. Unique You - Fish Rock Project - Granted - in process
 3. 1st Grade - Math Differentiation kits - Purchased and Shipped Today
 4. Other Ideas?
- B. Spelling Bee Update - January 29th Tuesday after school. There will be test plan to make sure it's efficient.

C. Science Week in February 4-8th, 2019. Please bring your posters home that night.

D. Outdoor Gardening Beds/Environmental Club - The 4th graders pulled weeds and winterized the beds.

E. Parent's Night Out - February 23, 2019 - looking for spaces, and fun for Parent's Night Out. Spring Break Theme?

F. Walker Gives Back - Thank you Dana for all of your deliveries to the donation center.

1. Cradles to Crayons
2. Infant Welfare Coat Drive
3. Carolinas Supply Drive - Ends Wednesday.

VII. New Business

A. Gifts - Babies (Ana)

-Twins are due in January 2019

VIII. Closing Comments

Upcoming Events/Dates

Meeting Adjourned 11:15am