

Executive Board Meeting

Minutes for the October 15, 2018

In Attendance:

Principal: Eric Chisausky

Presidents: Lindsey Patel & Jessica Christensen

Co-Presidents: Dana Martin and Angela Ordway

Treasurer: Courtney Sigmund

Co-Treasurer: Kim Lowe

Communications: Molly Pierce

Secretary: Courtney Stach

I. Call to Order 9am

II. Approve the Minutes 9/10/18 - Motion to Approve- and Approved.

III. Principal's Report

A. School Updates - Conferences will be on Skyward

-Some conferences will be 15 min and some 20 min. Skyward offers these variances.

-Conference sign ups open 10/15 and again Skyward will be used instead of Sign-Up Genius.

B. Teacher Liaison Updates - JULIE HAFNER

-The school is reading the '**A Boy Called Bat**', and we are doing a defined STEM activity to combine all of the elements.

-It was defined as STEM and then to STEAM and now they are taking it to STREAMS - science, technology, reading, engineering, arts, math and social studies.

-We are using layers of Knowledge and Mrs. Hafner is doing a STEM activity, bat habitats for Outdoor Ed.

-You have to change peoples' opinions on bats!

-The 5th grade team helped her back; Mrs. Hafner paired with Sheri from Apple to use our technology (Ipad) on the trip to study the bats.

-We are going to build a prototype, CAD, area, perimeter, how many bats could house and where could they live in them

-All science teachers were invited to attend with defined STEM meeting.

-Teachers are using software, using the online subscription; we are going to start with two pieces with multi-media.

-GIZMOs are banned from the classroom.

-Technology Cohort Class - Mrs. Hafner noticed these amazing Madison School Encouragement Sayings on Bathroom Stalls: vinyl words that are moveable and inspiring.

-They will call the principal to find out where to get the vinyl machine.

-We are working to carry on the Walker School theme of "Choose Kindness" for the both boys and girls bathroom stalls.

C. Outdoor Ed Updates -

-The 1 day will be reviewed and discussed after the visit this year to Camp Edwards.

-The Lane School had a great visit last week too!

-Weather is supposed to be in the 50's and sunny/partly sunny for those two days.

-Julie Hafner got to meet with Apple Sheri; she's an Apple guru. The contract allows us to consult with a lead educator. So, Apple Sheri comes to meet with the teams of teachers over units and how they use existing technology and learn new things.

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- She made really made exciting STREAMS project for the children for Outdoor Ed on Bat Habitats!
- \$3500 is left remaining for the 5th graders outdoor ed budget - in school field trip? Deciding on the option.
- Excited for Outdoor Ed/5th grade field trip and they will report back after the visit.

D. Steam Night Review/Author Visit

- The evening was really special and people lined up to pet a skunk.
The bat was amazing and all grades had a blast!
Thank you everyone; Mrs. Belfiore, Mr. Chisausky and Walker P.T.O.
The author Elena Arnold is coming on 10/23 of next week and two sessions:
- 3rd-5th is at 9am
 - K - 2nd is 10:20am

E. Halloween Parade

- The parade will be 10/31/18 at 8:45am and then the Game Show Assembly.
- There was discussion on Pre-Registration for the Parents Attending the 2nd and 5th Poetry Readings.
- Perhaps we have to R.S.V.P. to the event so the lines are smaller for the unexpected guests.
- Help with traffic control and guest entry.

IV. Treasurer - Courtney Sigmund

- The current account balance is \$138,961.02 as of 9/30/18.
- The actual balance is \$135,675 current standing all of the checks we have written.
- Courtney moved monies to our Bank from Pay Pal.
- We are working on audit with Heinz & Associates and Margaret Chung.
- The audit this week Tuesday and Thursday, and we will wrap it up end of week.
- The grants per classroom: Teachers get \$200 and Specials get \$350 for their classrooms.
- Is anyone going to do the grade level Treasurer? We have (6) now.
- We have the mom's signed up for Room Mom Treasurers and this will streamline the reimbursements.
- Walker Fest came in over the anticipated revenues and the activity is the bigger part of the year.
- Courtney is feeling really positive that we can support the teachers in their needs at any time.
- We need to remind them that the funds are available for them from the P.T.O.
- Walker Fest came in at \$7,700+ over what we had projected! WAY TO GO! Wild Cats!

V. President's Report and District News

- A. Next General P.T.O. Meeting - October 29th 2pm MRC
- General P.T.O. Meeting Reminder should be sent out again in advance.
 - Our Guest Speaker will be Dr. Bruce Law - Superintendent of D86 High Schools
 - Referendum details and a fact based presentation with pictures will be offered to all.
 - Referendum Information will be fact based and not political in any way.
 - We will use the blurb that they had sent to us that they were able to share with the school.

B. District News- Understanding the Referendum

- The major take away on the district news is understanding the referendum before the big vote November 6th, 2018.

VI. Other Reports

- A. WalkerFest Review - Lindsey created extensive notes to be archived for next year's Presidents to use as a baseline review.

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B. **Running Club Fall Review** - 100 kids each week between the two lunches. It was a huge success.

C. **Hot Lunch** - Great one! Halloween is coming hot lunch.

D. Staff Grants Program -

A. Able to purchase the KEVA Box - they are the maple planks, Standard Connects and Kid Connects

B. **Knex Education Pack** - Granted and Purchased

C. 5th Grade Flex Furniture

E. Spelling Bee Update

-The same chairs are available and are committed to helping: Kelly, Neena and Bill

-We are working to designate a date for "The Spelling Bee" December 11-14th, 2018 are looking good.

-We are doing the written assessment of the children like in year's past, not verbal testing due to time constraints.

F. Student Wellness Presentation - Allison Voss - December 5th, 2018

G. Outdoor Gardens/Environmental Club - Sarah Karrow is getting that started again for their 4th grade science activity and she is committed to working on getting the wall gardens going for Spring! Thank you, Sarah!

H. School Supply Redistribution

I. We received a \$240 credit from Shanes and we can save it or we can use it for our angel fund.

II. \$1,485 back for signing up so early. We would put in our budget that we would make \$600 and we made \$1,400.

III. Room Service Request- What Does Each Teacher Need?

I. Walker Gives Back

1) Cradles to Crayons

2) Infant Welfare Coat Drive

3) Halloween Candy Drive for the Troops

VII. New Business

A. Strategic Planning Discussion

-\$2500 for Defined STEM

-Wish List Stuff - Teacher stipend is awesome and more usable extent.

-Eric liked the one or two staff members projected out what they wanted.

-Strategic Planning was being discussed on a few different levels as we do have funds to allocate and spend as needed.

Upcoming Events/Dates

- Staff Brunch TJ - Friday October 19
- Principal's day - October 26th
- General PTO Meeting - October 29th, 2pm
- Hot Lunch - October 31
- Halloween Parade - October 31
- Halloween Assembly - October 31 2pm
- Halloween Candy Collection - Nov 1-Nov 9
- Staff Luncheon HRI - Nov 7 or 8
- Veterans Day Assembly - November 9th 2pm
- Executive Board PTO Meeting - November 12th

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- Hot Lunch - November 16th
- Allison Voss Anxiety or Aggression Presentation - TBD
- Holiday Bazaar -December 5-6
- Executive Board PTO Meeting - December 10th
- Hot Lunch - December 14th
- Giving/Sharing Assembly - December 21st

VIII. Closing Comments

Meeting Adjourned: 11:05am