

FEC Meeting
January 8, 2016
Schoolhouse

In Attendance: See attached sheet

Welcome and Call to Order: Kristin Barlow

Approval of Minutes: 12/4/15. Approved

Presidency Report:

*Budget: Rae Seal

- Waiting on budget info for science fair, waiting on budget submissions for inspirations.
- Budget items talked about: \$350 for inspirations, \$250 for spelling bee.

*Fundraising: Candace Lierd

- Star Wars: \$1123 brought in, didn't sell 15 tickets. It was a success overall.
- Chick-Fil-A Night (Feb. 22): talk to Candace

*Coordinators: Mandi Lei

- Will update later.

Reporting on Recent Events:

- Jingle Mingle Follow-up: Looked like it turned out fun. Julie Walker is looking for input on middle school activities. There will be an upcoming event at Jack and Jill's for bowling. Parents transport to and from.
- Donation Drive: 2883 lbs. Really great effort, food bank was extremely thankful for donation. Next time do a contest right out of the gate. It will promote better participation.
- Science Fair: Some things we need to do differently next time.
 - Pros: The teachers seem happy with the results. Artistic part of science was pretty cool. Amber did a great job.
 - Cons: Awards didn't quite work out as expected. Having deadlines in October for the science fair was overwhelming. Maybe guidelines should be more strict, not changing at the last minute.
 - Amber will be meeting with teachers next week to see if we can push it back a few weeks next year. Holidays were a little hard to do last minute details. Things need to be done by a certain time, hopefully it can be pushed back.
 - When we send calendar items to Ms. McCappin see if we can plan out the events better.

Upcoming Committee Events:

- Inspirations(Jan 8, 15): Contest is happening currently. Renaissance has been asked to hold Regionals. It will be held March 11 tentatively. It can be an open house format. Renaissance is in charge of judging and collecting. Planning will begin after the school contest.
- Battle of the Books Wonder Days(Jan/Feb): Rachael is doing a great job.

- Committee is working with teachers to combine visions with wonder days. 3rd grade is super excited. 4th grade is not participating because they have a wax museum. One miscommunication has been that it has been labeled a library wonder day on the schedule. 5th grade is not sure if they have time.
 - Should we make it mandatory? The first year is always a struggle, following years are easier.
 - Teacher battle?
 - Starting in a few weeks, tables will be on display in the lunch room.
 - Information can be found at: Renaissancebob.blogspot.com. Can we get a link for this on the RAPP or the website?
 - Additional suggestion made: We should make big banners for inspirations, science fair, battle of the books, etc.
- Spelling Bee (Feb 18): All teachers have class spelling bees planned. Little prizes have been made for class winners. Budget is at \$173 with the trophies. Committee is asking for medals for grade level winners. Medals will be about \$40. It will go over a bit, but then they will cut out refreshments probably. Paradise bakery gives a way day old cookies. This could be an option for refreshments that night.
 - Is it possible for spelling bee hall of fame? Most likely, committee will just need to run it past Ms. McCappin.
 - Mary Mecham is willing to continue heading up this committee.
 - Spell it.com can help students do it yourself. Spelling bee.com also helps with practicing.
 - Book Fair (Feb 22-26): Alyson will contact Kim Rollins to see how it's going.
 - SEP Teacher Luncheon (Feb 25): Alyson will also check in with Teacher Appreciation committee to see about SEP luncheon.

Discussion Items:

- Hope Week (Jan 25-29): Is there any extra money in Red Ribbon Week budget that could be put towards HOPE week? (So far there haven't been any receipts turned in. Sarah needs to check with Kimberlee Skarda about receipts being turned in.) Poster contest will happen the week before. The theme is "Kindness Matters." \$50 should be fine to spend.
- Buddy Bench Plaque: Talk to Candace about plaque. Let's try to do a Buddy Bench assembly to introduce the bench during HOPE week. We could also have balloons to highlight bench.
- End of year pool party: We need to book now if we want to do it. It will be a picnic style situation. Alyson will get available dates. If we're able to do it, let's put it in the summer RAPP, and advertise at the end of year. We could also put fliers in the office all summer long.
- Concerned parent: Question about You tube videos being used in class? Ms. McCappin commented that with school filters, inappropriate videos should not be able to be watched. iPads should only be used for Imagine Learning and

educational things. Additional concerns can be directed to Ms. McCappin privately.

- Concerned parent: Amber Mann is a former teacher and she has concerns about security issues. She is especially concerned with the new businesses coming. Conversation has been started. “What can I do?”
 - How do we solve that? Homeland security has lots of ideas. It would take a \$15,000 budget system for a simple buzz in system. Another option could be video cameras for watching people entering the school. Alpine School District is making changes to be more proactive for security. Shouldn't we follow suit? We don't have the structure to make this happen right now, but if we work with the schoolhouse, we might be able to reach out to businesses and other parents to get involved.
 - Possible ideas: Watch guard systems for parent volunteers in the halls. Can we do some more simple barriers to prevent? Kindergarten doors are still not locked. Ideas on costs can be sent to administration. Can we take it a step farther? Key card on a pass for middle schoolers for the back door?
 - If there is a vision from the school, we as the FEC can get behind it. Start with education with children.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 5, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m. in the Faculty Lounge