

Dennison PTA General Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015
Place: Dennison Elementary School, Library
Presiding: Connie Weiss, President

Call to Order: Connie Weiss called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Crystal Frigo was present as Secretary.

Welcome: 20 members were present.

Approval of Minutes: The May 21, 2015 minutes were presented and reviewed by the members. Jennifer Ferrando made a motion to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Leah Morgan presented the Treasurer's Report. She reported that not all of last years items have been entered. However, we are still on track.

Principal's Report: Debbie Morrill, Vice Principal presented the Principal's Report.

There are many changes this year. We have new teachers in five rooms, two have changed their grade level and several have changed rooms.

Ms. Morrill explained how the 4 day specials are going well and how Ms. Jung and the computer lab special has kids learning to use computers successfully.

Ms. Morrill gave an update on the MAPS testing. She explained we have purchased Chromebooks and increased our bandwidth which will improve the testing experience of teachers and students. We test three times a year and now are including the second graders.

Ms. Morrill reported Dibels testing is complete and our CMAS scores are back. Ms. Morrill handed out results of CMAS trends from 2014 and 2015.

Ms. Morrill presented a security update. There is a new fire alarm system. There will be a drill executed once a month.

President's Report: Connie Weiss presented the President's report.

Connie reported there are 127 new parents, and 17 new teachers and staff on the PTA. The number is down from last year however she mentioned several opportunities for the numbers to increase before we have to update the Colorado PTA.

Connie explained how well the online packet pickup went this year.

Jenny Meade gave an update on the ABC Fundraiser. There were \$21,000 in total sales and the goal was \$16,000. There were two high sales teachers, Ms. Gershon (\$1,786) and Mr. Hoffmeister (\$1,743). The meeting attendees agreed to have an ice cream party for both classes.

Connie reported on the Corn Maze Fundraiser. We will be selling flash lights for \$2 after school the day of the event, October 6th. The money will fund the Outdoor Lab kids.

Committee Chair Updates:

Summer Education - Only 50 kids total turned in their logs.

Reflections - Kristy Russman reported she still needs volunteers and two more judges.

Eagle Bolt - The event will be on October 4th.

Class Party Meeting - Leah reported the meeting will be on November 2nd. Leah will be compiling classroom party ideas for future Dennison parents to use. She asked the group to send her their classroom party success stories. The cost per parent for the classroom parties is \$2 per child.

Watch Dogs - Keith reported the ice cream social was successful and the next event is the Daybreak with Dads.

Yearbook - Connie explained the deadline is February 19th and said to order online because there are fewer problems. She reported there has been a community album set up where you can name and load your pictures.

Lego Club - Connie reported how popular this club is and they may have two sessions this year. Kids will enter a lottery due to the popularity.

New Business:

ABC Fundraiser - Group discussed changing to a new company for next year.

Amazon Donation - Group discussed sending information on this out in the Thursday folder. Dennison is listed on their website.

Announcements and Adjournment:

Jennifer Ferrando motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm