

Farley PTO Meeting

December 8, 2016

5:30pm

- I. Meeting Called to Order
 - A. Welcome and Introductions

- II. Teacher/Staff Reports
 - A. Library/Book Club - overview of the things happening in the library
 - B. Counselor - Amanda is helping with screeners for math with students. State testing starts in March. There is a survey for Shawnee County that 6th. She has also been working with a program called check in, check out with student. Amanda also works with all classes for guidance classroom. October was National Bullying Prevention month. Parents of 4th - 6th grade should expect a note home about growth and development videos. Amanda also works with the Harvesters program along with Susanna Wesley. This programs distributes food to students in need.
 - C. Kindergarten/QU Wedding - showed a video of things happening in Kindergarten - The Q&U wedding will be February 2nd.
 - D. Pre-K - 5 teachers with a total of 35 students. There are students that are served in the community as well. Numbers fluctuate in January. Teachers have been doing pre-k assessments with students.
 - E. Principal's Report - Dr. Watson, the education commissioner of Kansas, came to Farley Elementary with Dr. McWilliams this week. If the wind chill is 20 degrees or below students stay in at lunch. Some teachers take the students out for a few minutes with the lower temperatures, so please send hats and gloves. Students have been doing AimsWeb testing. We have had a few technology glitches, but are confident that it will turn around. Teachers have a work day in January. The grade cards will be sent home after that. We will be getting a new head secretary in the office. Rose will now be substituting teaching starting in January. Renee Silvers will be the new head secretary. 5th and 6th grade concerts next week. Our building is working on the Second Step Program. It focuses on social and emotional needs.
 - F. Treasurer's Report - See Matt's sheet.

- III. Community Reports

- A. STUCO - The STUCO presidents spoke about Stuco. There are two representatives from each 4-6 grade class. There was a Penny War. They raised \$1,400 for families with medical needs. Holiday grams have raised \$400. This is to help Farley families this season.
- IV. Committee Reports
- A. Box Tops – Kathleen Billings 1st grade students won the first contest. They had an icecream party. A suggestion was made to send home the bags with each student again. Susanna Wesley is also cutting the box tops out.
 - B. Room Parent Coordinator – Ashley Smith - Christmas party is on the 21st at 2:45.
- V. New Business
- A. Vote: Matching Funds for STUCO Holiday Initiative - It was moved and seconded to match the Stuco fundraising for the holiday season. The vote passed.
 - B. Vote: December Bonus for Teachers/Staff - It was moved and seconded to give a December bonus to teacher to spend in their classrooms. The total amount approved is \$5000. The vote passed.
- VI. Questions and Suggestions

Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, January 12th at 5:30pm

*January Reports: Medically Fragile, Special Education, Running Club, Dr. Cassidy, 1st Grade

*Presentations subject to change