

Farley PTO Meeting

January 12, 2017

5:30pm

I. Meeting Called to Order

A. Welcome and Introductions

II. Teacher/Staff Reports

A. Special Education - Pat Worden, Hannah Handley, & Rhonda Graham works with approximately 40 students, with 6 paras. Inclusion has the instruction into the student's classrooms. The teachers and paras work in 22 classes. Pull out time is more intensive instruction.

B. Medically Fragile Program - Courtney Priest & Tonya Collins co-teach 11 students. These students have 100% support throughout the day from the teachers or paras. This is the only K-6 medically fragile classroom in the elementary schools. The district is making efforts to install air purification systems in the two classrooms. These students often have weakened immune system. The health and safety of these students' needs are met, as well as their education. The teachers provide alternate ways for the students to communicate. These students are highly motivated by their peers. The peers can help the students learn new skills. The students only have access to the blacktop and the classrooms on the playground. One way the peers interact with students is to take them on walks on the blacktops. Farley does have a alternate playground for preschool and then has some equipment that wheelchairs can access. The teachers have created a go bag for emergencies. If the building was evacuated the last adult out would bring the bag. Students do go on fieldtrips with their peers. Some challenges can be that area aren't wheelchair accessible. There is also a lot of equipment to take with students. The work is worth the effort to have children be with their peers. The students get to participate with their peers. The teachers shared an amazing video about their classroom.

C. 1st Grade - Ashley Ogden, Andrea Norman, Kristen Weir

1st grade goes on three field trips: Kansas history museum, Topeka Zoo, and Fun in the Sun. The PTO has helped first grade obtain wobble stools, small stools for guided reading, guided reading game kit, and technology items, Mission Township Fire Department visits during the fire safety unit. This year 1st grade tried a Mock Presidential Election. The TSCPL visits several time a year. The K-State Extension Office provides kits that teachers use to supplement lessons.

- D. Principal's Report - We have a new 3rd grade teacher, Ms. Cunningham. Mrs. Weir and Miss Artzer have student teachers this semester. The school now has emergency buckets. They include supplies that would be needed if students were to stay in the school for an extended period of time. Mrs. Danielson, the counselor, will be moving to the middle school next year.
- E. Treasurer's Report - see the sheet provided by Matt. Our check from Dillons has come in. It is for the amount of \$523.

III. Community Reports

- A. Running Club - Karah Hight, The club starts about 4 weeks before the 5K. This is not anything to do with the new program Girls on the Run. The club includes all grades, and boys and girls. It will begin in April.
- B. Skating Parties - 23rd of Jan K-3 6 to 8pm, 25th of Jan 4-6 6-8pm

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Box Tops – Kathleen Billings, 1st grade won the second semester contest. There will be a flier to go home to remind students that we are still having a competition during the 3rd quarter.
- B. Room Parent Coordinator – Ashley Smith
Getting ready for parent teacher conference meal.

V. New Business

- A. Vote: Placing Bobbi Overbey as Co-Vice President
The motion was made and approved to add Bobbi Overbey as the co-vice president.

VI. Questions and Suggestions

Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, February 9th at 5:30pm
*February Reports: Music/Orchestra, P.E., 2nd Grade
*Presentations subject to change