

Mark Twain Elementary PTA
January 12, 2016
6:30 pm
Mark Twain Library

President Adam Cook called meeting to order at 6:38PM.

In attendance were 11 people: Adam Cook, Stephanie Bauswell, Jeremy Bloyd, Kerensa Good-Bloyd, Amy Chlebowski, Jessica Graham, Jennifer Swisher, Heather Bagby, Caroline Olson, Kathy Seibel, and Merridith VanDerGinst.

Mrs. Olson-Principal's Report

January 20th there will be a facilities meeting in the gym at Mark Twain. There will be about a 40min presentation followed by group work project. Each building is being assessed by a contractor to come up with ideas on how to better serve the district better at the elementary level.

District website has been updated to a newer and easier look. Parent teacher conferences are coming up. During the conferences report cards will be handed out.

Mary Dixon filled the Iowa Academic Reading tutor Position.

Mark Twain is being considered for the Free Summer Food Program this summer. Any child can come to Mark Twain to be fed. This would be very cost beneficial for the summer school program.

Before and After School Program is going very well.

GaGa Pit was removed at Mark Twain due to issues with snow removal, fighting, and injuries resulting from the game.

Snow Pants that are extra or that don't fit can be sent to the school for students that don't have any or that forgot.

Two staff members are being sent for training during spring break for Mark Twain's new therapy dog.

Adam Cook- Minutes

Approved by Stephanie Bauswell and Seconded by Jeremy Bloyd.

Treasurer Report: Merridith VanDerGinst

Report was emailed to board.

Box Tops Winter Collection winner, 3B-Mrs. Braet classroom won the Pizza Party for collecting 2309 box tops. Spring collection date is Feb. 25th, 2016.

Approved by Jeremy Bloyd and Seconded by Jennifer Swisher

Proposed Board Member Position: Membership Chairperson

Voted and unanimous approval by members present.

Adam Cook Reported on the following:

Fun Fest Committee Update

Next meeting is scheduled for February 1st, it is being considered that it should be rescheduled due to the Iowa Caucus.

Major Saver.

January 14th, 2016 @ 2:30pm school wide assembly. A few new vendors will be on the card this year to include Noodles and Co. and Sonic. Fundraiser will go from January 14th until January 25th.

Elementary Facilities Meeting.

January 20th, 2016 6-8PM. A request by Jennie Blackman for water and snacks from the PTA to help create a welcoming atmosphere. Members agreed that the PTA will provide Water and to request donations for snacks from parents.

Teacher Conference Dinner

February 8th at 3:15PM set-up ready to go. Stephanie Bauswell will call Crust, Zeke Island Café, and Biaggi's to find out pricing for catering. Budget is set at \$250 for teacher dinner. Dessert donation requests will be sent to parents.

Kindergarten Round-Up

March 4th, Jennifer Swisher will represent and present to the Kindergarten parents about the importance of the PTA.

McTeacher Night.

Informational only, March 10th, 4:30PM – 7:30PM. Teachers and Staff will be needed to help make this fundraiser a success. McDonalds will be in contact with Mrs. Olson soon to help spread the word with flyers and fun activities for the students.

Skating Party

March 24th 6-8PM, Stephanie Bauswell to confirm everything is still set up. The PTA will cover the cost for admission and families will have to provide skates or rent skates at Eldridge Community Skate Park.

T-Shirts

Mark Twain T-Shirts came in January 11th, they will be sorted and passed out to the whole school within the next couple days.

The next PTA meeting will be February 9, 2016 at 6:30pm in the library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48PM by Adam Cook.

Prepared by: Krystal Bonjour-Secretary