

PAC Meeting Minutes 12/07/2017; 6:00pm-6:55pm

Raven Stream Elementary, Media Center

Attendees: Pat Pribyl; Aga Franek; Luv Michel; Miranda Vertnik; Kristine Hoekstra; Andrea Bastyr; Ari Forrester

- **PAC Executive Board Updates –**

- **FAMILY FUN NIGHT PLANNING:** This event is *tentatively* planned for Saturday, January 27th from 6:00-8:30pm at the New Prague Aquatic Center. Families will have access to the pool and gym. We will be serving a treat (such as ice cream sundaes), but concessions will also be available for purchase. We will plan to bring the foosball tables, basketballs, etc. Mr. Pribyl will also check to see if any high school students would be willing volunteer at this event. We will send out the specifics after we can confirm with the NP Aquatic Center.
 - We will also likely have a second Family Fun Night in March (likely the 15th) here at Raven Stream. We will rent inflatables and families will be able to order pizza.
- **FUNDRAISER SPENDING:** In addition to spending for Family Fun Night, we have determined we will use the fall fundraiser money for the following:
 - Another performance from Koo Koo Kangaroo. This was a great hit last year and the group has agreed to perform for our students on March 1st. (A parent passed along information via email about another group of performers that we may consider, possibly next year).
 - Money to be given to teachers, to be used as they deem necessary. We have allotted \$15.00 per student to be given to each teacher, which amounts to a little over \$10,000. We will also plan to give money to each of the specialists, interventionists, and special education teachers as well. Teachers can use this money to buy books, games, etc. for their classrooms, or allot the money toward field trip expenses, etc. We plan to collect receipts for spending. Teachers will need to spend the money by February 1st.
 - We decided NOT to spend fundraiser money on the following this year:
 - Replacing the ground covering on the playground – this was decided against as the school district is looking into this already and it would be too great of an expense for the PAC.
 - Classroom books – this was decided against as the PAC spent a significant portion of fundraising last year for classroom and media center books.
 - Purchasing lanyards for student IDs – this was decided against considering that 5th grade students would only likely use them for the remainder of this school year and it would need to be a recurring expense to purchase more for incoming kindergarten students each year.

- Replacement of the backboards on the basketball hoops outside. The backboards are fine, they just needed new nets, which were recently purchased and all should be in good working order again☺.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Lora Lee was unable to attend the meeting this evening. Thus, we did not have a current treasurer's report to review.
- **Parent Suggestions –**
 - A parent noted that her family would like to donate materials for a project connected to the book “Only One You,” authored by Linda Kranz. Another school created a project related to this book through their art department in which students painted rocks to express their individuality. The rocks were then placed around the school and became part of the school's landscape. Mr. Pribyl noted that he is currently working with two women who worked on a similar kindness project with our third graders who did an excellent job connecting with the students. He will discuss this project to see if it is something we may implement with all students.
 - A parent also expressed interest in creating a “Share Table” in the cafeteria to help reduce the amount of wasted food that students don't eat and then end of throwing away. Food placed on the Share Table could be eaten by other students who are still hungry or donated to a local shelter, etc. She will follow up with staff to see if this is something that can be implemented at Raven Stream.
- **Principal Updates – Pat Pribyl**
 - The school year is just flying by. The semester ends on January 12th, which will be the halfway point for the school year!
 - We have some upcoming presentations given by guest speakers for students including topics of bullying and agriculture.
 - Zoo Mobile is coming to Raven Stream on December 19th. In light of how many students we have, it was decided to have the Zoo Mobile crew do three presentations, rather than two. This did increase the cost of the event, but it was agreed that we have the appropriate funds to do so. Students will get more from this presentation with smaller group sizes.

Next PAC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22nd. Hope to see you there!