



PTA Unit

Meeting Minutes

PTA Statement of intent: We are all parents, volunteers and staff that are genuinely invested in what we believe is best for the school and our children. With this in mind, let's endeavor to start on time and stay on topic, and to speak and act with respect at all times.

December 12, 2013

1) Welcome

- a. Call Meeting to Order – Called to order at 6:36
- b. Flag Ceremony – Pack 318
- c. Approval of November 2013 minutes – motion: Greg Jennings, second: Virginia Gleason.

2) President's Report – Marlow Sipes

- a. Group Norms – established a set of “rules” to help our meetings to run smoothly. It will be on the top of the agenda for every meeting to help us remember our goals.
- b. Kinder teachers will go to a kindergarten conference in Norman.
- c. Suzanne Schreiber – running for school board for this district. She and the current rep will be at the next meeting to introduce themselves.

3) Principal's Report – Belinda Baldwin

- a. Global education coordinator – about six interviews in the plans to take over Lezlie Segovia's position.
- b. New cold weather dismissal and drop off policies – if it is below freezing, the on-duty staff will be at the door, instead of outside in the mornings. In the afternoon if it is below freezing we will go to rainy day dismissal.
- c. computer science week – nationwide program to teach coding to k-5 kids. Ask your kids about it.
- d. Nationalities represented by staff: portugal, Usa, venezuela, canda, mexico, france, spain, honduras, turkey, lebanon, chile, colombia, puerto rico.

4) Treasurer's Report – Chris Rankin

- a. Financials – trying to encourage teachers to use their entire funds. They are doing that well and most are staying within their budgets.
- b. Increasing budgets by percentages of student increase in order to keep up with growth as long as there are funds to do so.

5) 2nd VP/Volunteers – Lisa Albers

6) Programs – Suzanne Mannis and Jennifer Stowe

- a. Kinder holiday mixer – Mixer cancelled because of the snow and rescheduled for January 24th from 6-8pm, still at FUMC.



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7) Fund Development – Alicia McClain

- a. Harvest crate – last fundraiser of the year, wrapping up this week.
- b. Will evaluate the fundraising and see where we need to go as we move forward.

8) New Business

- a. Had a 3rd grade meeting, done the SRI testing which is the 2nd round of testing with most of 3rd. A few 3rd are remaining as are 4th and 5th. We will be sending the testing results back asap. We have not received funding for tutoring yet, but when we do and we will start tutoring.
- b. Spanish exchange should carry on without interruption. We don't know yet what the details will be – they are still in discussion. There will be one exchange this spring and Madrid in fall. There are discussions occurring to change the process.
- c. Use the green board at the front of the auditorium to list questions we were unable to answer or what you'd like us to research for the next meeting

9) Adjournment – motion: Greg Jennings, second: Donald Barnes 6:55pm

Agenda subject to approval