

**Alliance Charter Elementary**  
Board Meeting – September 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

**Present:** Diane Luft\*, Erica Cates, Sarah Rivet\*, Jill Mach\*, Julie Gerstle, Mindy Gries, Brannin Gries, Holly Tamulion, Rachel Osterling\*, Stephanie Monroe\*, Mike Jacobson, Jennifer Draeger, Jeremy Sparks, Virginia Peters, Lauren VanderMouse

\*Indicates voting member

Joint Meeting called to order: 6:30 PM

**Principle's Report (Joint Meeting)**

- Some Schoology login challenges were reported - please contact Marsha Akkala for help.
- The Backyard Buddy program, which was a ThedaCare/Roosevelt partnership, will restart in 2018 and will now include Alliance, as well. Program will start in October.
- Popcorn and Palettes has been set to take place on September 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a family event for both Roosevelt and Alliance. The funds to support this program will be split between the schools.
- IPADS will be sent home with all children this year. It's imperative that all parents sign the agreement and make sure that details match in Infinite Campus.
- There will be no voting at the school this November 6<sup>th</sup>. Class will not be held that day regardless. Board may petition Dr. Pfeifer to utilize this day as a snow day in the future because IPADS will be sent home with a full lesson on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Testing will take place from Sept. 17-27<sup>th</sup> – IREADY for grades 1-5
- Playground challenges have been reported recently. Garbage and vandalization have been found on the playground. Police are aware. Community awareness is being requested, as well. If you see something that doesn't seem right, please call the police (not 911) and let them know, so they can patrol the area.
- Picture day is September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Skate night will be held again this year, looking to reach out to another business for partnership.
- Our one big fundraiser this year, is just around the corner. The BOOSTERATHON will start on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to raise all necessary funds for the year through this one fundraiser.

**Principle's Report (ACEC Meeting)**

- Alliance needs to add IXL subscriptions to cover all student for the year.
- Vote was proposed by Sarah Rivet to take ½ of the necessary funds from the events budget and ½ of the funds from the supplies budget to cover the full cost of \$253.50. Erica Cates 2<sup>nd</sup> the vote and all voting members approved the proposal.
- Discussion regarding the how to report the fundraising dollars was had and the group agreed to post totals on the Alliance Facebook page.
- Box tops are being collected, however, we need to create a challenge for Alliance students. Kim Krause, who created the challenges in the past, has been contacted to see if she is still willing, if not, Erica Cates will head this fall's challenge.

- Parent representatives are needed! Board to publish open positions and bring clarity to the expectations of this role. Julie Gerstle will send the details and Diane Luft will update the letter and publish on Schoology.
- The Boohoo/Yahoo was a success. There was a great turnout.
- The ticketing system for the Open House was successful too. Roosevelt commented that they would like the clothing sale closer to the tickets, if we chose to do tickets again next year.

#### **Teacher's Report**

- Virtues of the month will be incorporated again this year.
- Day of Peace is set for September 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Classrooms will select other Montessori schools around the world and will send letters to these schools, asking for details and pictures. Any received pictures and info. will be pinned the map.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Funds are still coming in for music fees and those fees will replenish the field trip fees for the year.

#### **Team Reports**

- The fundraising team would like to publish a list of available SCRIP
- Group would like to move to electronic SCRIP
- Amazon Smile – smile.amazon.com allows you to donate a portion of your purchase to Alliance. Any Amazon users are encouraged to use this when making purchases.
- HuTerra is another app. that allows you to donate to schools.

#### **Growth Team**

- Julie Gerstle and Kelly Eichman are looking at ways to grow our school.
- If the staff needs additional funds or if revisions to the budget need to be made, please not that we can do this.

Open Forum: Staff: please make sure to send all T-Shirt orders to Mindy as soon as you can.

Motion set to adjourn by Sarah Rivet, Diane Luft 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM