

ACEC Board Meeting
11/25/19

Joint Meeting @ 6:40pm

Game Night – 2/20 with Gnome Games, \$75/school

Pizza Sales – will happen in February. Date will be finalized when gym time is booked for sorting and pick up. 38% profit earned.

School Dance – 3/13 6-8pm, sign up genius will be created for healthy snacks (fruit, veg, popcorn, water) and glow sticks

Paint the tiles will not be done this year.

Spring theme event – 4/16 in the planning process, possibly Popcorn and Pallets or Skate night

Google doc has been created for questions to school board regarding Alliance expansion and resolution of Roosevelt.

- it will be an on-going document for school parents and school board members that hopefully will get timely answers posted directly on document from school board
- parents can email their parent reps with questions, Erika and Jenna will have editing privileges to add to the document
- plan to have access for viewing of document on Facebook

ACEC meeting called to order at 6:48pm

Objectives:

Grants – Sara K will have more information on grants for keyboards at the December meeting. Jeremy O. will provide his information regarding grants to Sara.

ACEC email: ACEC-Board@googlegroups.com – unable to have district email, board will have access to google email for communication.

- a) People who need to reach "the board" should send email here.
- b) People can continue to contact their grade reps through their personal email.
- c) The email, and discussion board, is to ensure the board (present and future) are all informed on important issues.
- d) If using, please sign all emails with your name and board position.

- concern from parent rep is having another email acct to use/check, at this time reps may continue to use personal email accts

- parents email addresses will be loaded into the ACEC gmail acct though for use by other board members

- parents are voicing that they would like more frequent communications from school as some state they are not getting any; parents like text messages for reminders and more frequent newsletters

Activity Fees – in the by-laws there is verbiage that there may be the possibility to charge an activity to lighten the fundraising efforts. Ms. Bath to explore this option further.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair – purchase books for classrooms and earn proceeds, if interested in doing this it will be explored further

Lottery – January will be the Alliance lottery for 2020-21 school year. If interested in being part of this contact Erika G.

Life Skills Room – teachers will create a list of wants/needs for donations to share with parents

Principal's report:

Crazy maze – Sensory maze purchased by Roosevelt will be available for Alliance to use as well

Ms. Bath acknowledged teachers, staff and parents of Alliance for the school report card of significantly exceeds expectations and is proud of this accomplishment.

Teachers' Report:

12/6 - K and 1/2/3 will be going to Festival Foods

12/4 – 4/5 and Roosevelt 4 & 5 will be going to Madison

Ms. Standorf class mats need washing. (This has been completed.)

1/2/3 classrooms recently had Jon and Tasha Morgan speak about flight.

Treasurer's report:

Booster-a-thon is complete and laps are entered. Total earned was \$11,902, short of initial goal of \$12,277 that would cover all basic operating costs.

-Overall goal of \$20,000, which would have covered all new keyboards and equipment (adapters, stands, stools, teacher's keyboard) was not obtained.

- Additional \$3000 is needed for operational budget, therefore will do 2 smaller spring fundraisers

Spring Fund Raiser – would like to tie into Montessori week 2/24 – 3/2 and Maria Montessori’s 150th birthday by doing an “I (heart) Montessori” fund raiser. Asking for donations and would show progress on the school doors. May use a Go Fund Me page (cost of 2.9% + \$0.30/ transaction) to make donating easier from friends and family.

- Currently brainstorming a family friendly event to tie into this to make fundraising easier.
- If doing a raffle, the licensing process needs to be started now
- Community education regarding Montessori would be a nice tie in to reach additional avenues for donations

Funset Blvd – there will be more nights in the future, dates will be shared as they are known

Brainstorming Ideas for fundraiser:

- Restaurant Night: having food trucks, Paul Hartman has offered his service of selling smoked meats during this event
- Dueling Pianos or Karaoke
- Auctioning kids art projects – projects created around a theme. Ashay will get more information.

Charitable Donations: There was concern brought forward from a parent that she was unable to give a flat donation for a specific event or activity in the past and would like to know how and if this can be done.

YES! – a check can be written to ACEC to go directly to our budget or specific fund. ACEC is a 501c3 and will provide a letter to donator that a donation was received.

- If a specific activity or event is sponsored by a person/business, recognition should be given to contributors
- Also please ask your company/place of employment if they offer a company match for donation. End of year is a good time to donate for tax purposes.
- Julie Gerstle will forward a letter to Erika G. that has already been created asking for company matching donation at year’s end.

- Fundraising discussion tabled until December meeting to make decision on which events to move forward with in the spring.
- Would like to create a document specifying dollar amounts needed for various budget items

Open Forum:

Parents’ concern that keyboards are not being replacement as they were under the assumption that Booster-a-thon dollars were for that. If we reached the full \$20k amount, the keyboards could have been replaced, unfortunately not enough was raised for this to happen.

\$21,000 needed to replace all keyboards and associated equipment @ \$600/keyboard. Would like to budget for replacing 1 row (6 keyboards) at a time. Considering pushing this purchase to summer, and possibly next budget year (July) to have additional funds available after spring fundraisers.

Erica G motioned to end meeting at 7:45 pm, Diana S 2nd.

Next ACEC board meeting will be 12/16 at 7pm.