

Alliance Charter Elementary
Board Meeting – October 9, 2018

Present: Diane Luft*, Gina Connor*, Sarah Rivet*, Dave Martin*, Jill Mach*, Rachel Osterling*, Amy Oostdik*, Erika Gregorius*, Julie Gerstle, Mindy Gries, Shari Hannemann, Erika Gregorius, Emily Hoffman, Mary Beth Hendrickson

*Indicates voting member

Joint Meeting called to order: 6:30 PM

Principle's Report

- The Popcorn and Palette Family Night was a great success. Thank you to Kalina Churness for the vision, direction and follow through, to the staff for their help and to the parents for their participation.
 - Feedback was positive and the potential for a Spring repeat is possible.
- Fall testing is complete and the next round of testing will begin in January 2019.
- Parent/Teacher Conference forms have been distributed and are due back by Friday, October 12th. Meals will be provided for teachers again this year. Roosevelt will cover the dinner and Alliance will be responsible for the lunch. Julie Gerstle will send out Sign-up Genius for Alliance.
- **Booster-a-thon: Kick-off date: October 15th Completion date: October 25th**
 - The official kickoff will begin with a pep rally. The fundraiser will close with the Fun Run. The Fun Run will be outside, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, the run will take place in the gym.
 - Volunteers are needed to help mark laps for each child running. Please let your child's teacher know if you can volunteer or sign up when you receive the Sign-up Genius request.
- Blessings Box: Roosevelt/Alliance has volunteered to collect and donate any new/unused hygiene items to the Blessings Box located at Horace Mann. If you have any items to donate, please send them with your child or drop off in the office.

ACEC meeting called to order: 6:50 PM

Principle's Report

- Sarah Tennie, the school guidance counselor had her baby. Rick Hammis will begin on Thursday to cover Sarah during her leave.

Teacher's Report

- Students went on a field trip to Grignon Mansion last week and learned about Pioneer life in the 1800's.
 - Future field trips are being planned to both Heckrodt & 1,000 Islands.
 - A member of the Oneida Nation will also be coming to speak soon.

- Teachers are wanting to do a project around pumpkins and have asked if anyone has access to smaller pumpkins to cut open and count seeds. If you have access, please contact Gina Connor.
- There is a substitute teacher shortage, two classrooms did not have teachers on October 9th. Children joined other classes for the day and the children thought it a special treat. Thank you to Erica Cates and Brad Brookins, who volunteered to double class sizes for the day.
- Amy Oostdik's class has been learning how to crochet. Once her children are comfortable, they will teach Gina Connor and her class to crochet, as well. The teachers are looking for yarn and hooks that you might be willing to donate, to assist in this teaching.

Treasurer's Report

- Jill Mach is partnering with Theresa Lauer, Roosevelt Treasurer, to manage the Booster-a-thon funds. The funds need to be split 50/50, which is done electronically through the Fun Run website. Letters must be sent to anyone who donates \$250.00 and above, for them to use as a record.
- Staff has recognized the need for additional materials. Jill Mach confirmed that funds are available for purchasing. Gina Connor will discuss with staff during Friday meeting and will submit the purchase order.

Parent Rep. Report

- Sarah Rivet is asking that teachers send out an email request to parent's; asking them to participate as parent representatives for Kindergarten, grades 1-3, and 4/5 classrooms. The parent representative responsibilities include: sending out notes from board meetings, attending meetings (if available) and sending out Sign-up Genius links for opportunities/needs.
-The reps. will be voted in by board members.

Team Reports

- Growth Team – Julie Gerstle and Kelly Eichman are working on summarizing what Alliance's growth goals are, to send to the school board. Discussions are high level.
- Please take the time to fill out your NJSD survey, which has been sent out via email and via your paper newsletter by mail. Each adult can complete the survey. This is an important survey as it will be used to understand what taxpayers are willing to support.

Open Forum

- Hu Terra is an app that can be used to scan receipts that will allow you to donate to the school.
- Amazon Smile is another way to have Amazon donate a percentage of your purchase.
- There is a link that was created by a parent that, when clicked, will give you the option of uploading the school events calendar to your devices. Julie Gerstle is reaching out to see if the parent will add it to the Facebook page.
- The student directory will be created by Mary Beth. Parents will have the opportunity to opt out only.

- Sarah Rivet will create the opt out form and Diane Luft will distribute on behalf of ACEC. This is for internal parent use only and will be sent to parents in a pdf format.

Motion to adjourn made by Sarah Rivet, Jill Mach 2nd

Meeting Closed at 8:08 PM