

PTO Minutes, December 19, 2018

Present:

1 Liaison

12 Parents

4 Teachers

1 Principal

Start: 5:09 PM

- Recap of last month's minutes

5:15

Financial Update

- 34% of rainy day money spent in one day.
- Cap on spending: 5% of reserve per year going forward

5:19

Treasurer's Report

- Rosie is now on the checkbook
- Checks and Balances
 - Rosie to count and allocate money
 - Patti to deposit
- \$341.03 so far from SCRIPS
- Discussion about SCRIPS and Presto Pay, as well as discussion about how approvals work
- We will have an informational meeting about SCRIPS in January

5:25

Teacher Feature

Sandy Jernberg, Talent Development and Advanced Learners

- Minneapolis philosophy on Advanced Learners
- Levels of Service
- Identification Pathways
- Characteristics of Gifted Children
- Advanced Differentiation
- Reach for the Stars (2018 catalog of programs and activities)

Question from parent: Is there a difference in how Advanced Learners are treated from school to school? Answer: Yes, because funding varies greatly, so does the ability to work with advanced learners.

There are parent groups forming in some schools to help parents of advanced learners learn how to support their students. If parents are interested in something like this at Pillsbury, she would be happy to help start it.

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Principal's Report

- Update on Heritage Language Program.
 - Flyer passed around regarding the program that will go out this week.
 - Do parents want kids in music or Heritage Language program?
 - Gives parents the option if they culturally or religiously object to music
 - If not enough families participate, the ESP (not a licensed teacher) will work with kids in classrooms to help them learn and understand.
 - The ESP will report to the principal.
 - Wording change suggested for flyer to indicate that this is ONLY if you have a cultural or religious objection to music, not if you just want your child to learn about another culture.
- Bilingual program
 - Options:
 - Eliminate current bilingual program
 - Keep doing what we are doing
 - Spanish once a week as a Special class (like music or art)
 - Dual language immersion with English/Spanish, open to all
 - How is this different than Sheridan's program? It's not really.

6:20

Fundraiser Update

- SCRIPS going well
- Cherrydale candy bars are being sold at pickup and in the teacher's lounge.
- We will be doing a movie night with Sheridan on January 19th.
 - Movie is Despicable Me 3
 - We provide half the cost and volunteers, and share half the profits
 - \$1 Admission/\$1 Concessions
- Roller Skating fundraiser in March
 - Ms. Amstrup will supervise in the gym and provide skates

- \$10 per family for an hour . Families must sign up for time slots in advance.
 - Concessions will be available in the cafeteria.
- Carnival is June 8th
 - We will need volunteers starting in January for the Carnival--making calls, etc.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Friday 15
- Sell candy bars/gift cards/spirit wear
- Movie Night January 19th
- Carnival volunteers--starting in January
- Rollerskating in March