

## **October 2016 PTO Minutes**

### **Approval of Minutes from September 2016.**

#### **Joye Walker-Presenter ICCSD Math Coordinator**

Iowa Core follows the federal implementation of Come Core Math with a few additions in the K-6 Grades. Each district is allowed to pick the program they feel best fits their needs. ICCSD piloted a few programs and decided EnVisionMath 2.0 was the best fit for our district. Joye answered some common questions about the program. To summarize, EnVisionMath 2.0 is teaching many strategies to reach more types of learners, increase comprehension of procedures and increase flexibility in thinking all of which will create opportunities for higher order thinking which will have huge benefits in junior high and high school math. There is also a free App for students (and parents 😊) called BouncePages that offers vision animation and videos to help with understanding of concepts. Students can also access material via the Pearson website. Please contact your teacher for their Username and Password if it has not come home yet.

**PTO signs update from Stef.** The cost was around \$25 each. Motion made by Kelly to allocate \$200. Susan seconded. Motion passes.

**Club's Choice Update from Brian.** We had about \$9300 from paper sales and \$800 from online sales for a total \$10,000. We're down approximately \$3500 from last year. A Survey Monkey will come out after Fun Fair about parents' interests in other fundraising ideas.

**Fun Fair Update from Lauren.** Classroom Baskets are taken care of. Volunteers are taken care of. Volunteers will be running games at Fun Fair! Lauren and Stef will set up schedule for volunteers. Packets will come home by Friday to order bracelets and raffle tickets. PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT VAN ALLEN!!

#### **Mr. Ewald had a few requests for money for three projects.**

1. Request for the purchase of 8 picture books to be read to classes by him throughout the year. Lauren motioned approval for purchase. Kayla seconded. Motion passes.
2. Mr. Ewald would like to purchase an IPAD for a journalism project for upper grades to give ownership and pride in our school to students. Lauren mentioned there are grants that will fund projects like that and would be happy to look into it when Fun Fair is over. A parent also had the idea of asking parents if they have any older models of IPADs, tablets or Kindles they would be willing to donate to the project.
3. Mr. Ewald would like to purchase 6 more Chrome Book carts so that each pod has a cart. Lauren and Jacki believe there are also grants for this project as well and will look into it. Lauren mentioned DonorsChoose website. Jacki said PTO has brought this idea up before but was told no. Mr. Ewald will check and see if there is a district policy that does not allow it, otherwise he thinks it's a good option.

The PTO board has voted and approved the addition of Stefanie Van Heukelom to the PTO's Hills Bank account.

#### **Upcoming Events from Jacki**

**Listening Post, Monday October 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7pm in Cafeteria. Cake will be served. Volunteers secured for set up. No Childcare scheduled.**

**Van Allen Fun Fair, Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 5pm-7:30pm. Join us for a FUN filled night supporting Van Allen!**

**Liberty Lightning Bolt 5K is on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am! PTO will write a check for donation to Liberty PTO.**

**PTO Meeting, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-7:30pm with Guest Speaker Scott Kibby, Liberty High Principal**