

MEETING CALLED BY: PTO PRESIDENT SHELBY CONNELL	
<p>Attended: 6 teachers, Principal Keeler, 1 parent, 2 District IT reps (Bill Smojver and Lynda Chen), 4 PTO members, Shelby Connell, Jennifer Roth, Carousel Bayrd, Sarah Van Riet</p>	
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT	MRS. KEELER
<p>District allocations for next year not final yet. Will know in few weeks if district wants straight grade classrooms across the district. If so this will mean reorganizing our school and Mrs. Keeler is seeking opinions on best way to share information about change with families.</p> <p>This change is being considered in part because state standards for teaching/testing are changing and district wants to ensure that all children get exact teaching content needed for their grade level. Also, WKC testing is changing to "Smarter Balance" testing and straight grade classes may best match curriculum changes including the new adoption of Mondo literacy materials district wide. Parents present suggest written explanation highlighting any changes and reasons behind them as well as an opportunity for question and answer with Principal Keeler. Principal Keeler will try to schedule a Q&A session for early April.</p> <p>Principal Keeler requests that any incoming Kindergarten families please be sure to attend registration and screening at Van Hise in preparation for fall.</p>	
TREASURER'S REPORT	SHELBY CONNELL
<p>quick review of budget- we are doing well, on track with predicted expenses and revenues.</p>	
EVENT REPORT	SHELBY CONNELL
<p>Great Dane night success- no numbers in yet but went well. Multicultural Night this Friday. Science Night in April, project ideas must be submitted by Friday. Cookbook submissions due by Friday.</p>	
CARNIVAL REPORT	JULIA STEIN-BARNES
<p>Carnival- Huge success. Silent auction and raffle organized extremely well this year and the iPad raffle likely brought in a lot of extra money. Student volunteers that Shelby found were new and a big help. Estimated record number of attendance.</p>	
GRANT REQUESTS	SHELBY CONNELL
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Portable Audio system- Jimenez and Miller will share one, Powell will receive another. System will be stored in one classroom with option for other classes to borrow. All agree yes. Dana/Shelby follow up to order. 2. Health Office- Carousel talked to nurse Cindy and it appears that the district supplies bandaids, alcohol prep that are just barely sufficient but for best clinical care nurse would like to buy a few additional items. Peg wasn't aware this had been requested and she thinks school budget could cover these items. PTO will not fund, but all agree we are willing to help support school nurse in future if needed (also request that Hamilton provide some support as well since shared office). 3. ESL Mondo supplies: Peg states that ESL will get at least one copy of the supplies but it may not arrive as early as some others. PTO buying this would not speed it up, so Peg will follow-up with ESL staff on this- PTO not going to fund at this time- will see what happens. 4. IRT organizational materials - Laurie Stehle requested \$100 for books and storage/organizational items. PTO approved. 5. The art room needs a new drying rack (total is \$1600). The district is willing to pay for half, PTO will pick up the remaining cost. 6. Technology-- need big picture discussion on how this fits into curriculum and district (see next topic) 	

TECHNOLOGY- CLASS USE, FUTURE NEEDS	TEACHERS		
<p>Both the 4/5 and K/1 classes have requested PTO funds for more iPads in classrooms. PTO requesting more information about how this fits into “big picture” to ensure large amount money spent wisely.</p>			
<p>Current class technology available:</p>			
	iPads	Laptops	Netbooks
Jiminez 4/5	1	3-4	1
Miller 4/5	1	3-4	1
Mr C 4/5	1	3	?
Mrs. Mahr 4/5	1	3	?
Peterson 4/5	1	3	?
Cahill 2/3	4	0	?
Ostertag 2/3	4	0	?
Nelson 2/3	2?	2?	?
Powell 2/3	2?	2?	?
Martin 2/3			
Zucker 2/3			
Savage K/1	2	1	?
Delgado K/1	2	1	
Robins-Wright K/1	2	1	
Mileham K/1	2	1	
Riecke K/1	2	1	
Zillner K/1	2	1	
McGuire K/1	2	1	
<p>How classrooms are using computers and ipads (teachers shared examples)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > literacy, communication (e.g. skype with a class in NJ) > Reading group, look up definitions, synonyms, thesaurus > student take picture of instructions, and refer to after teacher has erased board. > for vision impaired, can take picture or writing and enlarge screen to view > can get ebooks and enlarge text so easier to read > grammar games > math center in many rooms, use for fact fluency especially. Game can save child's name and progress and adjust to make problems match their level. > photos, videos, garage band to record rap songs or projects. > research, dictionary > one class has published their own writing/books and can store on ipad to read again, etc. > behavior tools- model behaviors w/videos, use for incentives, time management (timer counts down) > translation for other languages 			

District perspective- future technology available, etc.

Bill: New overhead wireless routers have been installed but likely not running yet. All schools getting this to increase capacity/speed. iPad vs. Laptop- how to decide classroom needs? Netbooks- teachers report these are very slow, discussion ensued on reason for this and troubleshooting. New wireless may help speed use. Remember that keyboarding will be expected taught in 3rd grade in future so need keyboard that laptop has-- if all iPads would need to purchase separate keyboard to plug in. iPads are designed as "personal device" have some limits. By spring 2015, district hopes to have enough Laptops at all schools (30 per elem sch, 60 per middle sch, and 60-90 per HS). Our tech budget is low compared to other districts our size and if budget cuts come as expected, it's not going to get easier. Extra grants have supported ~\$2 million each year for last two years for technology. We don't know if will get this in future. District can purchase iPads in 10-packs and get a small discount. Bill will provide iPad covers similar to what Peg has on hers for any new ipads school gets.

Lynda Chen-- Options to improve technology in our school.

Suggest consider presentation stations (attaches to projector and makes board interactive, use with laptop, etc. Many nice features). She suggests have one per grade level. Also suggests consider MFD unit that can replace most printers in school, prints faster, you can copy, etc. would save toner cartridge costs, has many nice features.

Group looked at all options for technology-- PTO would like Mrs. Keeler and teaching staff to review and prioritize so money from PTO is spent in best way for school technology. PTO could likely donate \$8,000-10,000 from this year's fund raising toward technology. Peg will get a group of staff to form an ad hoc tech committee to make these decisions.

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 16, 2013-- Business Meeting-- all are welcome.
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