

VHE PTO Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2012

6:30pm

MEETING CALLED BY	PTO PRESIDENT SHELBY CONNELL	
ATTENDED:	6 teachers, Principal Keeler, 14 parents, PTO members Shelby Connell, Jennifer Roth, Dana McCloskey, Carousel Bayrd, Sarah Van Riet	
6:30 (60 MIN)	<b>MATH INSTRUCTION MMSD &amp;VHE</b>	MRS. KEELER
	<p>* Welcome            * Overview of the Common Core State Standards that drive math instruction            * How we organize for math instruction            * Presentations by teachers across K-5</p> <p>District is moving to Balanced Mathematics and a Common Core of Math practice as outlined by the state. Resources/workbooks used are consistent across the district. Focus is narrower and deeper at each grade level. Teaching is (1) student-centered, (2) standard-based, (3) assessment-driven (both written tests and ongoing teacher assessments/observations of students), and (4) balanced (balance between problem solving, conceptual understanding, real world application, fluency in procedures)</p> <p>One aim of this change is for students to achieve deeper understanding of fundamental concepts to then be more prepared to tackle more complex concepts. (Memorizing facts doesn't mean truly understanding the concept)</p> <p>(Detailed notes available in handout and powerpoint slides provided by staff.)</p> <p>School staff and Principal Keeler welcome parent questions and comments about this change.</p>	
	<p>-----            break-- start business meeting 7:45</p>	

<p>ATTENDED BUSINESS MTG:</p>	<p>2 teachers, Principal Keeler, 3 parents, 5 PTO members: Jennifer Roth, Dana McCloskey, Sarah Van Riet, Shelby Connell, Carousel Bayrd</p>	
<p>7:45 (5 MIN)</p>	<p><b>REVIEW AUG MEETING MINUTES</b></p>	<p>SHELBY/SARAH</p>
	<p>Shelby motioned for meeting minutes to be approved with any changes, motion second by Dana. Unanimous approval of motion. No changes to minutes noted by group.</p>	
<p>7:50 (30 MIN)</p>	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p>	<p>SHELBY/DANA</p>
	<p>Shelby Present/Discuss Budget, reviewed items with group, invited questions /feedback. We have never had a formal budget for PTO, this is first year. Fiscal year was discussed- ours ends June 30. No concerns raised about budget.</p> <p>Discussed after school fundraisers which continue to be very successful: 4 reasons for these 1) enrichment opportunity for children 2) opportunity for teachers to earn a little more money and share talents/skills 3) PTO is able to waive fees or give scholarships to a limited number of students each class 4) fund raise for PTO/school.</p> <p>Trial of new "mini grant request" form for teachers/staff to use when asking for money from PTO. Brief paper form will be submitted explaining reason requesting money. PTO will review these twice a year near times when we have major influx of funds (end of fall and spring) to then distribute funds for projects more evenly. Brief discussion about iPad app purchases and how/if PTO can support teachers in purchasing these. Staff to discuss further and bring that topic back to future meeting.</p> <p>Group approved the \$4900 in class funds to be provided right away (\$200/classroom) again this fall.</p> <p>Group also approved total of \$4200 to fund the 2nd round of K/1 computers as promised last spring.</p>	
<p>8:20 (10 MIN)</p>	<p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS UPDATE</b></p>	<p>SHELBY CONNELL</p>
	<p>Noodles Night 10/15 - University Ave Location 5-9pm Garden work day and treasure hunt in garden 10/20 9am Book Fair 11/15-11/16</p>	
<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p>	<p>November 13, 2011 6:30 --VHE Art Room --Business meeting</p>	