

Stem PTO meeting November 3, 2016

- Steph brings meeting to order at 6:35. PTO is doing well financially. Just finished trunk or treat, but mainly want to focus on 3d, getting out the vote, etc. in this meeting. Andrea says that 25% of voters are Adams 12 parents and we need to energize these parents.
- Treasurer: Bank balance is \$19,732.012. Most expenses were funding requests. Two future expenses: break-out boxes, and contributions to tech 20.
- Susan: Fundraisers - \$15,560 since last meeting. \$899 in expenses for shirts and spirits packs as fundraiser rewards. Gave school store \$1.50 per item over cost so they made money. Question about goal for fundraising about what our goal per student was. Goal is \$100 but have not yet reached that. May have to change that goal next year to more doable amount. Question about whether we will have to do another fundraiser in the spring? Yes, but won't be a big one, and carnival is coming up and though not considered a fundraiser, does raise funds through tickets to win baskets.
- Andrea Events: Trunk or treat went well. Have some ideas how to improve it for next year. Did not run out of candy for the first time ever. Steph says maybe putting the kids in an orderly line helped. Some parents did not like line and felt like cattle, kind of bossed around, but things went smoothly over all. Susan: It also helped to have the weekly contests for the candy donation so kids know there is something in it for them. First graders very excited to win pizza party. A few comments about changes to the live band if we do it again next year. Andrea would like to get carnival dates set and out there because there is a lot of coordination \n that needs to happen.
- Monica is running phone bank and is not present.
- Steph. There are two open positions. Volunteer coordinator and VP.
- Mailed out a box of \$12k box tops.
- Anita KS cards: Need to clarify numbers on treasurer report as not clear.
- Steph: Brought staff and teachers a goody bag for Halloween and will continue to do small things for staff.
- Steph: No unfinished business. Shields wants to know how to apply for positions so he can pass that info along. Steph, go to website and send email to PTO. Job descriptions are on the webpage. If leadership office, can hold positions on board as well.
- Ms. Telling for principal report. School received performance ratings and gave some info out to individual parents. For school based on 100-point basis. Got 84.9 out of 100, which is highest ever, even after switching to more rigorous testing. In comparison to gifted schools, they were at 88 and 89, so we are very close. Compared to regular middle school, highest is 73 for rocky top. Have always been a performance rated school which is best state rating. As a whole district came out as performance rated district for first time in a long time. District has been very focused on this and were hopeful to get there in two years, but got there sooner than expected. Steph: is this different from the school rating system see online? This is the CDE rating.
- Steph: one funding request to address but having technical difficulties. School social worker has requested \$100 for various sponsorship of students. This is broad explanation, can postpone until we have more detail. Shields: Sponsorships are usually kids in need of something. Clothes, fees, field trip money, or other items to assist students with special needs. She does work a lot with homeless students, gas money, etc. Will hold vote. Unanimous approval.
- Guest speaker: Ching Wa. Regarding Chinese exchange program. She will do slide show. Students last year 2nd through 8 grade, same this year. Speak varying degrees of English.

Most have some level of conversational, some very adept, and there are chaperones to assist in translating. (our teacher)

- Guest: CEO founder of Kids 2Glow. Slide presentation: 2017 Chinese Exchange program. Kids2Glow is the company: Stands for open minded life-long learning and exposure to globe. Background is intel and communication and this program is stem focused. Highlights: 2015 and 16 summer camps in Beijing with STEM teachers from Colorado to teach. Give students exposure to US teaching style. Kids loved the teachers. Next step was to get students exposure In US. 2016: January-February – two weeks. Went to both schools, 15, students, 13 host families. Doing again in 2017. To begin with, spend time together and with families and get acclimated to time. Took to Stock show. Have welcome party. Showed some classroom experience. Got good feedback and will make adjustments this year accordingly. Dates this year are set. 2-4-17 through 2-17-17. , 15 to 25 kids. Will have better count in December. Had discussion about host families, family matching. Costs to host families, etc.
- Quick overview of CAN items.
- Upcoming events: Dine out Garlic Knot Nov. 9. Owner is great supporter of school and district. Chick fil a wants us to come back because participation was so good.
- Do a holiday event? We do do some sing alongs, but too busy this year probably.
- Food bank partnership with NGHS Honor Society. May want to do a celebration for 3D passing. May do a canned good drive there too. May use food bank to assist families in our school.

Meeting adjourned 8:45