



PTO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 2015

1. Welcome PTO Executive Board
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by Jessica Koehler.
 - i. Seconded by Emily Forbes
 - b. Welcome back to the first meeting of the school year.
 - i. It's just me and Emily for tonight, as Sonja and Alicia are both out of town.
 - ii. We'll go ahead and get started with updates from Principal Lauth.
2. Updates from the Principal Kellie Lauth
 - a. Even though she isn't on the agenda, we have Jessica McAfee to talk quickly about an opportunity to do something this year that we got to do last year.
 - b. We have been approved to get the helicopter again this year with the Colorado National Guard Joint Counterdrug Task Force.
 - i. We had a letter sent on our behalf last year with Rise Above, this year we would like the PTO to send in the letter on our behalf.
 - ii. We need the letter sent in as soon as possible.
 - iii. It can be given back to Ms. McAfee.
 - iv. For safety reasons we would be unable to give out specific information regarding date and time, just as we couldn't last year.
 - v. I will see if there would be any way to let certain people know, but we would be unable to announce it on Facebook or anything.
 - c. We have lots of fun updates.
 - d. This is the strongest start we have had for our school year.
 - e. We have some amazing things on the horizon for us.
 - f. We have 100 more families this year than last year.
 - i. Unfortunately we don't have more parking to accommodate that.

- ii. We still have a few spots available, but for the most part we are full.
 - iii. We have several kids on the wait list.
 - iv. We have 80 for 2nd grade.
- g. Jeanette Ryan is our new STEM Coordinator.
 - i. Michelle Priola is teaching 5th grade and loving it.
 - ii. Keely Retchford is our part-time Coordinator and math coach.
- h. Jeanette is going to give us a few updates on Beyond the Bell.
 - i. BTB is up on the website and can be registered for.
 - ii. We have some new offerings and new teachers with some new ideas.
 - iii. Registration will now go straight to the teacher, so if you have any questions or comments you can contact them.
 - iv. I know there is some frustration with K-2 offerings.
 - 1. We are looking for more offerings for the younger kids.
 - 2. If anyone knows of anything, any clubs, some foreign languages, anything that could be offered for the younger kids, please contact Jeanette Ryan or Kellie Lauth with those ideas.
 - v. Chess Club already has 12 kids signed up.
- i. We are not doing Supper Club again this year.
 - i. We didn't have enough attendance so the district pulled it.
- j. We do have Launch Plus again this year for grades 4-8.
 - i. It's fully supervised by teachers and admin.
 - ii. It's a good place for kids to get some extra help and support.
 - iii. It's completely volunteer work from the teachers, which is great.
- k. We've always dreamed of being able to offer STEM Fellowships for someone working on their degree.
 - i. This year we have 3 Fellows working now.
 - ii. Their goal is to work with us as a team, not so much with our kids.

- iii. They bring in some exciting ideas, they help keep us fresh.
 - iv. Part of it is we want the STEM model that we have to be applicable wherever we take it, not just here in Colorado.
 - v. They're helping us figure out how to do that.
 - vi. I can't stress how phenomenal they are.
 - vii. They do have plans to visit classes and attend some PTO meetings, so you may hear some of your kids talking about them.
- l. Keely is going to tell us about another program we have going on this year.
 - i. The program is called Epic.
 - ii. It's a program where 8th graders get to do about 5-10 hours of internship in their career interest.
 - iii. We have 70 kids signed up to go to places like Google in Boulder, the Denver Zoo, and the Denver Center for Performing Arts.
 - iv. Kellie: Our goal is for every child to have an experience in 8th grade.
 - v. They go in small groups with a supervisor from STEM.
 - vi. It can be 5-10 hours, or maybe just a whole day.
 - vii. If you know of any companies that would be interested in sponsoring something like that, you can email me, kellie.lauth@adams12.org, Jeanette, Jeanette.k.ryan@adams12.org, or Keely, keely.rochford@adams12.org.
- m. Keely: Math and Movement Night is coming up.
 - i. I just set it up to go out on auto-dialer.
 - ii. Mostly for K-5 students and their families.
 - iii. You get a free E-book.
 - iv. 5-7 pm on September 17th.
 - v. More information to come on Facebook.
- n. We are coming out again in full force for STEMosphere with DU.
 - i. It's free and open to the public.
 - ii. We are going to bus kids down there again this year.
 - iii. Families are welcome to ride on the bus.

- iv. The goal is just to get kids down there and experience that.
- v. I will have more details coming out.
- vi. The date is September 26th.
- vii. They also need volunteers so if that is something you want to do, you can email me kellie.lauth@adams12.org and I can set you up with who you need to talk to.
- o. Level 3 is going to help our 4th and 5th graders help develop a security app.
 - i. Kids will be able to participate with that.
 - ii. They will be able to earn points and be a “Cyber Hero”
 - iii. October 19th will be a night for the kids and families.
 - iv. Jeanette: Officer Mendez will be talking to the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders about cyber security.
- p. We received a large grant to bring a large piece of equipment to STEM.
 - i. It’s called a ROVER and it’s a 3D augmented reality tool.
 - ii. We will have access to over 3,000 units, or titles.
 - iii. This technology has never been used before below the high school age.
 - iv. The company reached out to us to help them make this work at a younger level.
 - v. They’re going to be coming in a couple of weeks.
 - vi. Once we get it up and going we might get to look into setting up a demo for everyone.
 - vii. It’s one large unit, but it comes with enough glasses for a class.
 - viii. It’s our machine, so we will be keeping it.
- q. K-5 Assessment Day is coming up on Tuesday September 7th.

3. Updates from the Treasurer

Alicia Nanez

- a. Alicia is out of town, so Emily and I will be giving the updates.
- b. At this time we don’t know what our balance is as Alicia hasn’t met with Gloria yet to reconcile.

- c. We will not be taking any grants at this time since we awarded so much last year, we will be waiting until after our ABC Fundraiser when we have more funds to distribute.
- d. Per Terri we should have a check coming in from Target for about \$459.00.
 - i. She thinks we will be getting checks twice a year now from Target instead of just once.
 - ii. There is also a check from King Soopers for about \$250.00

4. Upcoming Events for the 2015-16 Year Jessica Koehler

- a. We do have some events coming up in the next couple of months.
 - i. The ABC Fundraiser is kicking off September 17th.
 - ii. Per Kellie we need to know as soon as possible what the kick off will look like so we can organize the assembly if needed.
- b. Skate City is going to be October 7th.
- c. Our Teacher Appreciation luncheon is October 8th.
 - i. We don't have anything set in stone for what we will be serving that day.
 - ii. We do have a sign up sheet to pass around and we will also be setting up a sign up genius.
- d. We also have Trunk or Treat on October 23rd.
 - i. We will be looking for people to donate candy or time, and of course trunks.
 - ii. We will also be reaching out to Thrive Church again this year.
 - iii. We have a sign up sheet for that as well.
- e. Jeanette: For September we do have parent volunteer training.
 - i. September 15th 8:15
 - ii. September 17th 2:30 pm in the library.
 - iii. Kellie: And if you want to volunteer in the classroom that's great, but you can also help out in the library.

5. Q & A

- a. Since Chess Club starts on Tuesday, but it's also elementary assessment, will they still be starting it then?

