

Andover Parent, Teacher and Community Organization (APTCO)

Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2016

Members in attendance-Jill Peterson, Stacy Sullivan, Kira Campbell, Janel Gorowsky, Cathy Witte, Mark Van Voorhis, Janine Raab, Melissa Magnusson, Jennifer Youngquist, Cindy Backlund, Holly Luitjens, Holly Burrington, Kathleen Barker, Mandy Britz, Pam Fisher, Alysia Nahring, Nicole Haglund

Meeting started at 6:34 pm

1) Welcome and Introductions

- 2) **Second Grade Teachers:** discussed the two new programs they are piloting...The Wonders Program and the Journey Program. It has been 16 years since a new curriculum has been purchased. The Wonders Program has been easier to adjust to. This program is good for "Small Groups." The rigor is higher but still achievable for students. Kids love the online portion of the program, which can be done from home as well as in school. Laptops are readily available to all classes in 2nd Grade, which is helpful. The Journey Program is about the same but Wonders program has more technology along with it. In Math, the kids should be at a CPV (Conceptual Place Value) level of 2 by the time they begin 2nd grade. There are 4 Math Strategies that help kids keep up with addition and subtraction. "Rolling dice" can help them practice with adding and subtracting. Colleen Anderson is the math specialist who helps break down kids into groups that are appropriate for their learning levels. A great book for 2nd graders is *How Full Is Your Bucket?* This book is great for teaching kids to fill others bucket as well as filling theirs by doing good things for one another.

3) Reports:

a. **Secretary-Janel Gorowsky** motioned to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Stacy Sullivan motioned to pass and Kira Campbell second that motion.

b. **Treasurer-Stacy Sullivan** discussed the Santa's Secret Shop deposit. It was less than the previous year, but we didn't charge for pictures with Santa, which had an effect on how much money was raised. The Spring Carnival brought in \$6700 and the Raffle for Reading brought in \$13000. \$600 overage for Budget this year. (for the Carnival) We did have twice as much pizza this year as we did last year. Reading enrichments program is paid off. VSC change...There was a Data Entry error of \$27 from 2014/2015.

c. Principal –Mark Van Voorhis discussed **Staffing**. It is still being planned. Mrs. Weinsman (Art) is **retiring** this year. **Cirriculum adoption** is in effect for 2nd Grade. There will be a discussion on it at a board meeting on Monday. Two weeks afterwards there will be a vote. **MCA** practice testing is different for each grade level. It will be the last week in March/1st week in April. Science is only offerend for the 5th grade portion of MCA's. It will be their last subject on the test. **5th Graders** will be working on their elective choice for 6th grade. Orchestra, Band or Choir. **6th Grade placement in classes** will be based on MCA testing scores from 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.

4) VSC report – Cathy Witte...

718 volunteers with completed paperwork

4,250.50 hours volunteered as of 2/15/2016

Carnival was a GREAT success again. We had about 25 volunteers LESS then we had last year. Thank you to several teachers who stepped up at the last minute to volunteer. Most of the volunteers we were “missing” this year were from the high school. There was a hockey game and an ACT prep course scheduled for the same night as our fair...bad timing! Classrooms who won the pop/snack donation contests will have their popcorn party tomorrow. Winners were KNH, IRS, 2HB, 3RM, 4JL/4AS (tie) & 5KS.

Book Fair was well staffed this time around.

Staff Conference Dinner was very much appreciated by our teachers! I received several comments about all of the yummy food. Laurie in the cafeteria said that next year we should only order 1 case of soup (not the 80 servings) because there was so much left over.

BoxTops Blitz is in progress. Ronica McGlynn is coordinating the event again this year! We appreciate her time. After the first week students had brought in about 24,000!!!! The deadline for submission to count towards the check cut in the fall is March 1. It will be a quick turn around time this time ☺

Yearbooks are available for purchase online only the month of February. Fliers went home in Wednesday Folders January 27. Nikki Kroll has accepted the volunteer position to create the yearbook. She is coming in tomorrow to sign the contract and get to work. Flashdrives will be circulated among the grade levels/specials to collect pictures for the classroom pages.

5th Grade TShirts are being sold right now. Ideal Advertising is producing these again for us. Deadline for order forms to be turned in is next Wednesday, February 24th. TShirts will be delivered to students before spring break.

COMING UP:

- Class Picture Day is March 2nd at Andover Elementary. A SignUp Genius was sent out to volunteers who selected "picture day helper" on their volunteer application.
- I will be looking for a planning committee for the 5th Grade Party soon. A couple of parents have shown interest in being the chair, but no commitment by anyone yet. Date for the party is usually

- the last Thursday in May. I will confirm that with the 5th grade teachers as the last weeks of 5th grade are busy!!!!
- I will be looking for a planning committee for Staff Appreciation also.
 - Track & Field TShirt orders/planning for that will begin shortly after Spring Break.

5) Old Business

a. Carnival

b. Conference Dinners – Thank you to all the volunteers. It was a success. We won't need as much soup next year.

c. By-Law Change – We will need only need two check signers if the amount of the check is over \$150. Janel Gorowsky motioned this change. Cindy Backlund second this change. Effective immediately. Cathy Witte did not vote on this change due to being paid by the APTCO.

d. Open Board Postions for 2016/2017 year. We need to fill the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Chair. Sign up sheets were handed out.

6) New Business

a. Northern Stars Celebration – a fundraiser for district. Silent auction's money raised goes towards supporting grants

b. Bill Gallagher Memorial Scholarship - donates \$1000 to a High School Senior who went to Andover Elementary who is going into Elementary Education.

c. Budget Committee Sign-up – Passed around sign up sheet

d. Next Meeting is on March 24th at 6:30pm

Meeting ended at 7:50pm. Motion to end meeting by Melissa Magnusson and second by Cindy Backlund.

Respectfully submitted by Janel Gorowsky