

November 19th, 2015 APTCO Meeting

1. Meeting started at 6:32pm with welcome and introductions by Jill Peterson. In attendance were Jill Peterson, Jessica O’Hanlon, Stacy Sullivan, Kira Campbell, Cathy Witte, Mark VanVoorhis, Heather Bushard, Melanie Lowy, Laura Erding, Nicole Huttner, Diane Wieniger, Danielle Bowker, Dareth Herman, Melissa Magnuson
2. Kindergarten Teachers – Diane Wieniger, Nicole Huttner, & Laura Erding
 - a. They stressed the importance of appropriate winter gear and kids’ ability to get it all on by themselves, and suggested using XL Ziploc bags for winter gear
 - b. They talked about reading book bags and expectations with those
 - c. They went over math benchmarks/math minutes
 - d. Tips for kindergarten preparedness
 - e. Parent Q&A
3. Reports
 - a. Secretary report given by Jill Peterson, report of minutes from October meeting, motion to accept made by Heather Bushard and seconded by Dareth Herman, minutes passed and are accepted.
 - b. Treasurer report by Stacy Sullivan – Walk-A-Thon money is still trickling in, winning classes in each grade level recently had fun at the Andover Community Center. Teacher Allocations are still coming in. Money spent on teacher meals during conferences is going under the Staff Appreciation line item. We also spent some money on child care for the Oct. meeting and PTO promotions for the fall Boo breakfast. Cathy Witte will check on what/how we’re spending money for shipping box tops.
 - c. Principal report by Mark VanVoorhis – Our Veteran’s Day event was featured in the paper and was an overall wonderful event. They’ve decided to end the practice MCA testing because the teachers decided it wasn’t very useful. We’re at the very end of Trimester 1 assessments. There is a core committee for new ELA curriculum adoption; our 2nd grade teachers are piloting this for the district and so far feel very positive about it. Lost & Found bins are already filling up, and Mark reminded us to label every single thing our kids wear to school! November coin drive is going well. The district is looking for feedback on the new website – Mark encouraged everyone to go to the website and take the survey.
 - d. VSC report by Cathy Witte- Cathy reported on upcoming events and volunteer support.
4. Old Business
 - a. Jessica O’Hanlon – Santa’s Secret Shop is in the works, we have 2 decorating coordinators but are still looking for someone to coordinate the food. We are using a new company for this event

this year. Also new this year is that parents will be able to just take their own Santa pictures instead of us hiring a photographer.

b. Carnival is coming up on Jan. 28th. We still need more volunteers for this event.

5. New Business

a. Yearbook, Jill Peterson – It was suggested at the Oct meeting that we do the school yearbook through the APTCO to get more follow-through on that volunteer job. The district suggested we write a contract and job description for this role since we would be offering a stipend for the coordinating volunteer upon completion of the yearbook. Motion made to approve this made by Heather Bushard and seconded by Danielle. All vote Yay, no nays or abstentions, motion carries and we are officially looking for a volunteer yearbook coordinator. Dareth states she might be interested in this role.

b. Jill Peterson passed around a flyer for district-wide parent resources

c. Budget Committee sign-up will be coming in January

d. We will have no meeting in December. The next meeting will be on Jan. 21st, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jessica O'Hanlon at 7:33pm and is seconded by Dareth Herman