

Andover Parent, Teacher and Community Organization (APTCO)

Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2016

Members in attendance-Jill Peterson, Stacy Sullivan, Janel Gorowsky, Cathy Witte, Jessica O'Hanlon, Mark Van Voorhis, Janine Raab, Jennifer Youngquist, Cindy Backlund, Ruth Mickley, Katie Dehicke, Becky Skrypek, Gretchen Wensman, Dareth Herman, Gillian Angellotti, Maureen Geraghty

Meeting started at 6:30 pm

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) **Third Grade Teachers and Specialists:** Discussed MCA's: There is a new component that will offer challenge measures for each grade level. Discussed the importance of practicing and "Going Slow" and "taking their time." Wonders Program begins for second grade. Second Grade Piloted the program. Next school year this program will be utilized by the entire school. Teachers are hoping for the APTCO to help fund the technology portion of the program. Third Grade has their 11th annual kickball Tournament coming up this spring! Kids have 3 games guaranteed. Specialist, Gretchen Wensman talked about the upcoming Showcase, April 28th! Jen Youngquist will have bowling and climbing. Music will have the Fourth Graders do the recorder

3) **a. Secretary-Janel Gorowsky** motioned to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Dareth Herman motioned to pass and Jill Peterson second that motion.

b. Treasurer-Stacy Sullivan discussed teachers allocations are still coming in. Budget Meeting is coming up. We need a budget committee to decide on the budget for next year. Meeting will be held on April 7 at 8pm

c. Principal -Mark Van Voorhis discussed 1. How many sections each grade will have in the next school year. 2. Retirements coming up for Gretchen Wensman (Art) and Susan Bulka (Media). 3. Discussed Hetero vs Homogeneous groups in the classroom. High, Mid and Low levels of learners are what seems to work best. 4. MCA's will be going on in April. Reading, Math and Science (5th grade only). 4. Discussed a Water Bottle Filler for the school. The district will pay for ½. 5. hoping to update the basketball hoops/rims in the gym. 6. ELA adoption: 2-5th Grade Chrome Books (14) for each grade. K-1 will have ipads (7). 7. The Wonders Program will do testing on the 5th day of the week (Digital Day 5).

4) VSC report – Cathy Witte...

VSC Report to APTCO –March 24, 2016

727 volunteers with completed paperwork

4476 hours volunteered as of March 1

BoxTops Blitz was a great success this year....our students brought in 62,907 BoxTops
The winning classrooms for the contest this year were KJS, IMG, 2HL, 3RM, 4AS, and 5LT. These classrooms had their pizza party today! Thanks to Ronica McGlynn for her leadership and to all the volunteers who spent hours at school and at home, cutting, sorting, and counting. Thank you also to Pizza Ranch for giving us a price break on the pizzas.

Yearbook is in the process of being created by Nikki Kroll. Yearbooks will be delivered to school and sent home with students the first week in June.

5th Grade T-Shirts were delivered to students earlier this week.

COMING UP:

- 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 May 26th.
- Track & Field TShirt orders/planning for that will begin shortly after Spring Break. TShirt order forms will go home in Wednesday folders next week (March 30) and are due back on Wednesday April 13.
- Spring Coyote Apparel orders forms will be going home with students on Wednesday, April 20. We will have an order form/samples available for the K Registration on Tuesday, April 12.
- I am already working on “end of the year” field trips/parties/picnics!
- The district has approved money to purchase a new Volunteer Database which will be ready to go for next school year. It is going to be AMAZING!!! It will allow volunteers to create their own profile (rather than filling out the blue volunteer application forms) and then they can update rather than resubmit forms year after year. It will be much more user friendly for both the volunteers and me!

5) Old Business

a. Budget Committee Sign-up

b. Open Board Positions for 2016/2017 school year...

NEED a treasurer position!!! We are also in need of a Chair and Vice Chair.

6) New Business

a. Amazon Smile...smile.amazon.com They will send us a check 2x yearly. In this fundraiser, 5% comes back to the school. People are encouraged to do this by going to the website and designating Andover Parent Teacher Community Organization as their beneficiary!

b. Volunteer Service Coordinator matching fund application APTCO pays for ½ of the salary. 27 hours is the max Cathy can work

c. APTCO dates proposed for 2016/2017

d. Next Meeting is on April 21, 6:30pm

Meeting ended at 7:50pm. Motion to end meeting by Jen Youngquist and second by Janine Raab.

Respectfully submitted by Janel Gorowsky