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# Grayhawk PTO

Tuesday, 12/08/2015

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## Attendees

Susan Matura, Kristin Klecka, Lisa Iacono, Andrea Walther, Andy Lutz, Holly Martz, Katrina Bradley, Brooke Dalzell, Laurel Hamilton, Mrs. Bailey, Michael Greenland

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 11/10/2015 were approved

## Principal's Report- Norm Pratt

- **Mr. Pratt not in attendance so Susan Matura gave the Principal's Report**
  - **AZMerit**
    - We do not have the date yet but should know by the second week of January
    - Computer testing
    - So far no negative parent feedback about the test results
    - Grayhawk was the 35th highest elementary school in the state. 96.2% better than all other elementary schools in AZ.
    - The results are seen by the student's current teacher and their teacher from the previous year.
  - **Movie Night- February 26th**
  - **Professional Development-Substitutes**
    - Money is put aside for teachers to help pay for Professional Development
    - The school had a fund to help pay for subs has run out
      - Most schools do not provide money for Professional Development so it is a very nice thing that we do for our teachers. They very much appreciate it.
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- Looking to use the professional development budget to pay an additional \$100/day to pay for the sub
- Asking to immediately provide a \$300 cushion to the school so that no subs are denied
- Vote approved!
  - Andrea will add a “sub line” under professional development
  
- **Kindergarten Playground getting padding on all poles over break**
  - There is a missing swing on the kindergarten playground that is being looked into.
- **5k run put on by PVUSD- February 6th**
  - In the past we have not promoted it so we haven't had a good turnout. This year we would like to have a better turnout.
  - Entry fees: \$10 for adult, \$5 for kids, 10 and under are free
  - Register as team Grayhawk- get a t-shirt
  - Registration by January 6th
  - We will be promoting it on e News, website, etc. We will also be sending flyers home
- **3D Printing opportunity**
  - After school opportunity to learn about 3D printing
  - Run by Mrs. Schwartzstein
  - \$240
  - For every 10 kids that sign up the company will donate a 3D printer to the school
- **Science Fair- February 25th**
  - Optional science fair at Grayhawk only
  - Judges will be: Mrs. Marchisotto, Mrs. Romm, and Mrs. Schwartzstein
- **Nursing request**
  - Nurse has come across medical needs for students that are not normally covered by district funds.
  - There is a need for a fund to be established that will be accessed by a request through the nurse and Mr. Pratt for medically necessary expenses.

- Looking to move \$2000 from PTO Special Projects this year and then add a \$2000 line item in budget under Nursing
  - This would be a confidential fund that only Mr. Pratt and the nurse would be involved with.
- Vote: Approved

## President's Report- Susan Matura

- **Heartstrings Update**
- **Office Help**
  - Kim is asking for help on Thursday, Friday, and Monday-Friday of the following week. In the morning only on the kindergarten playground and bus area
- **The majority of the teacher's pictures have been taken for the new bulletin board. They will be put up over break.**

## Treasurer's Report- Andrea Walther

- **Planning to send out an email to teachers with an update of their funds**

## United Parent's Council

- **AZMerits**
- **Shutting down Campus Portal**
  - December 17th-January 7th
  - All grades should be finalized by December 17th
  - Trying to prevent any issues for teachers
- **Math Discussion**
  - There is some disconnect between what the students are being taught through the book and what they are being tested on.
  - They are going through every grade level
  - Showing teachers what is very important and what is not.
  - They will also be showing them what resources they have to use
- **January meeting will be about college and career**

## Committee Report

- **Teacher Experience- Laurel Hamilton**

- Laurel will be talking to teachers mid January and giving them until February 10th to decide.
  - Going to encourage them to get creative!
- Students turn in date will be February 26th- last chance at movie night
- No Parking spots this year
- Form will be simplified
- Ticket pricing:
  - Last year it was \$3/1 ticket; \$20/7 tickets; \$50/20 tickets
  - This year it will be \$2/1 ticket; \$25/15

## VOTES

- **\$300 cushion to school for substitutes**
- **\$100/day increase for professional development to cover subs**
- **\$2000 moved from PTO Special Projects to "Nursing Other" and a \$2000 line item added to budget under nursing**

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 13th, 1:00pm