

# AEPTO Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2016

## **In Attendance:**

Executive Officers: Jeff Turk, Laura Ash, Jennifer Wilson

Committee Chairs: Laura Karr, Errin Thompson, Mandy Sanders, Teresa Parks

Luce Road ECLC Representatives: Angela Elsea, Amanda Higbie, Lou Anne Tucker

Hillcrest Elementary Representatives: Leland Jennings, Kathleen Cranna, Cody Nevins, Ann Wittbrodt (student teacher)

Pine Avenue Elementary Representatives: Kim June, Jon Case

Parents: Stephanie Hernandez, Amber Schlappi Bloss

Other: Superintendent Sonia Lark

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order before 6:35pm (when secretary arrived).

Minutes from November 16 were not shared. (No December mtg and January mtg had been cancelled due to weather/no school).

## **II. Officer Reports**

President (Jeff Turk):

Treasurer (Laura Ash): Checks made payable to AEPTO were written incorrectly – the numerical dollar amount did not match the written numbers. In the future, when receiving checks, please double-check these match.

## **III. Fundraising and Committee Chair Reports**

Fundraising Chair (Teresa Parks): March 3 is the Club's Choice Fundraiser Pick-up date at Luce Rd, 3:15p-7:15p. MUCH help is needed as this involves all three schools. Free child-care will be provided. Profit estimate is \$10,000.

Labels Coordinator (Mandy Sanders): Next BoxTops contest ends Feb. 26. This is the last set of labels that will count toward the 2015-16 check. All future contests/collections for this school year will be included in the fall 2016 check. The Labels for Education program is ending in its present form after 42 years. They may change to a sweepstakes entry type contest. So far, AEPTO has turned in 6000 UPC labels. Estimated profit from 2014-15 \$5500. Estimated profit thus far from 2015-16 is \$1350 plus December submission of \$987.

Art Reach Chair: Errin Thompson reported that several teachers do NOT have an Art Reach volunteer. Many parents signed up in fall but did not follow-through. There are nine lessons, beginning in September. Prints must be returned mid-May.

Carnival Co-Chairs (Laura Karr & Errin Thompson): Beginning work on securing volunteer commitments so they can be submitted in background check process. April 29 is the carnival date. Jeff Turk has volunteered once again to be DJ for the event. They are

confirming that the carnival games are being provided by the fundraising company, as there has been a change in personnel at the fundraising company.

Book Fair Chair (Jessica Ackerman): Luce Rd's Book Fair is next week, Feb. 29-Mar. 4. Kick-off evening event is at Bedtime Stories, Monday. Daytime hours Tues-Fri (ends Fri @11a). Luce Rd receives books for the Pack program from the Book Fair, as well as teachers/librarian get Scholastic dollars. Pine Ave's Book Fair will be March 14-17. Evening event will be Thursday during Parent-Teacher conferences. There will be no hours on Friday (no school due to conferences). Pine Ave students receive free book (\$3.25) from the RIF fund, as well as teachers/librarian get Scholastic dollars. Question was asked about Luce Rd students receiving a free book. Discussion about the Pack program, RIF, etc. followed. Note was made to ask Mrs. Ingersoll.

#### **IV. New Business**

1. Superintendent Sonia Lark present information about the upcoming bond proposal. A handout is included with these minutes.
2. Pine Ave teacher Jon Case presented a request for funds for participant medals for the Pine Ave Pride Day 5K in the spring. After discussion about event as a field trip/educational event and about tee-shirts and medals and their cost, motion was made (Case/Cranna) to purchase medals (\$546) for the 2016 Pine Ave Pride Day from line 305 of budget (Pine Ave 5<sup>th</sup> Grade field trips). Paper ballot was taken. Motion carried.

**V. Open Discussion:** Proposal was brought by Jeff Turk regarding possibility of a Holiday Store (aka Santa Shop, though would avoid that name). This would involve allowing students to purchase (at cost, possibly no PTO profit) small gifts/trinkets for their families/friends at the holiday time. Discussion followed about what items Fundraising Companies have for such purposes, also about each school's choice of whether they want to have the shop in their school. Luce Rd reps shared about their Acts of Kindness/Make & Take events. Two parents have volunteered to organize the opportunity if it is desired. More will be shared and considered before action is taken.

#### **VI. School Reports**

Luce Rd (Lou Ann Tucker): PK/K Tea Party Feb. 25, Book Fair Feb. 29, Reading Month theme is dinosaurs, parent-teacher conferences coming mid-March, Junior Achievement Day

Hillcrest (Principal Leland Jennings): Regarding the use of the Fun Run 2015 money for technology/books, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers are using \$700 for books. The rest they request to rollover for tech purchases in 2016-17. Reading month theme is "Reading is Out of This World". 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will join author visit at Pine Ave. Parent-Teacher conferences are coming mid-March. Question was asked regarding the K-2, 3-5 division of funds for author visit. Discussion about \$1800 being need to secure a quality author. Perhaps a future budget consideration.

Pine Avenue (Kim June): 5<sup>th</sup> graders just returned from planetarium visit, engineering night, science fair coming. Swimming at the high school will begin in March. Reading month theme is "Peace, Love, & Read". Author visit coming, Consumer's Energy presentation coming.

**VII.** Announcements

Next meeting is Monday, March 21 at 6:30p at Pine Ave.

**VIII.** Meeting Adjournment

Motion was made (Ash/Ackerman) to adjourn at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Wilson, AEPTO Secretary