

Present

Parents: Aaron Garrett, Sarah Schulz, Sarah Kelly, Heather Fairall, Kristin Petersen, Amber Thatcher Pedersen
Faculty/Staff: Laurie Shea, Tiya Karaus, John Kelly
School Board: Rosemary Emery

Welcome

Starting with PFFOW today for logistic reasons. Will review completed and upcoming programs.

Book Fair

- We exceeded our goal with almost \$2,000 in sales. We did run out of books under \$3, tomorrow Sarah and Amber can pool remaining Scholastic Dollars or help with online ordering, among other solutions.
- Heather will need help completing the financial reporting and managing Principal's Book Club, among other things. Check the PFFOW facebook group for ways to help.

Financial Requests

- Reimbursement of \$75 for 3rd grade pizza party approved
- Aaron volunteers to coordinate about water filter with Tim
- Will have updated expenditures and budget at next standalone meeting

Bee the Good / Spring Fundraiser

- Sarah Kelly explains some teacher feedback about bracelets and there is consensus that concluding Bee the Good and resuming INbox is a good idea with the front of school table accommodating the Washingtons for Washington fundraiser.
- Sarah needs to purchase a coin counter for the fundraiser.

Art Contest & Art Night

- Ashley, Meghann, and Laurie have all been working on portions of these projects. The SLCPL gallery is coordinating with Laurie mounting and Meghann photographed all submissions.
- Tuesday at 3:15 there will be an Art Committee meeting.

Teacher Appreciation — May 7-11

- This is coming up quickly! Are other PFFOW members interested in taking the surveys and making a plan? Fabiola Corona has offered to make baskets in the past. Fabiola and Sarah Schulz can coordinate and brainstorm?

Garden

- We have received grants from Whole Foods and Slow Food Utah for just over \$3500.00; 2nd grade is making a garden plan with Liz Pedersen from Wasatch Community Gardens and there will be updates on ways to get involved over the spring and summer.
- What are the next steps for improving the pathway, now that we have funds.

February SCC Minutes

There isn't a quorum to approve, will approve both in April.

SCC surveys & stakeholder surveys

Some were complete, others were not, we will do better next year. The paper stakeholder surveys need to be put into an online format to share with district. Ashley can do this.

SCC/Land Trust Compact

This is a district document that Aaron will obtain before April meeting.

Update on budget changes

- School has experienced large cuts which have been very discouraging and discussed in SIC as well as in other informal ways. The administration became aware of cuts around the 15th.
- Title 1 was cut 40K (about half a teacher), General Budget was cut 50K, among other changes. For context, something like a new math program is about 15K to implement, teacher salary & benefits is about 80K. Some cuts were federal but district cuts are from a student projection of 270, right now school is at 290.
- The cuts outlined amount of about 1.5 teachers and a portion of the counselor costs was also reduced.
- All schools have experience some cuts but Bennion is the only comparable example of the scope of cuts across numerous categories.
- As a result of the above, SIC has been developing solutions for staffing and coverage.
- Parent comment: it's frustrating these cuts happened as the school choice window was closing. It's upsetting that the implication is parents in schools facing a lot of cuts aren't deserving of the same choices as their counterparts in more affluent schools.
- Board comment: Rosemary distributes spreadsheet of overall district enrollment and gives a picture of declining enrollment across the board and there is a discussion of social trends impacting this data (affordable housing, reduction of family size). She reminds all that she will not be running for re-election but knows of at least one candidate (Nate Salazar) and reviews other precincts with 2018 elections.

How budget changes impact Land Trust planning

- Based on the social-emotional needs of the school (and their relationship to academic outcomes for all students), there is the suggestion of spending Land Trust funds on a full-time counselor (Becky Huff's position). Because SB164 passed, we may be able to get a cash-match grant from the state allowing us to get some of our funding back to go toward the prior use of academic interventionists.
- Discussion of Becky's current role in attendance and obtaining services/resources for students as well as visits to all classrooms and the character education model used in monthly assemblies.
- All agree with this course of action so we are on track with EEP but **April meeting will need a quorum.**

Additional Updates

- In addition to SB164, there was a bill that passed an Our Schools Now compromise. Voters will have a question on the ballot about increasing the gas tax to fund public roads & education. This may generate additional funds.
- There have been numerous grants written by PTO members and school administrators to supplement some of the cuts described above. There has been barriers put up by the foundation in this area but what are other projects we can try to apply for (suggestions of licensing curriculum for mystery science, st math and mobymax).
- SNAP was updated today by John.
- Next month should be elections so please nominate interested parents!

Motion to adjourn (AA), Seconded (SS), Unanimously adjourned, 4:30pm

Next PFFOW Meeting - Tuesday March 20th, 1:45pm in the Faculty Room

Next SCC Meeting - Thursday April 5th, 3:15pm in the Library