

## **PTC Meeting Notes from 11/11/2010**

### **10:00am**

Board members present- Jamie Ham, Nancy Patrick, Brenda Zuverink, Staci Nieboer

Also present-Theresa Reagan, Chris Bowen, Sarah Woodring, Jamie Brewer, Jennifer Pietrzak, Jen Walter, Stacy Alexander, Timothy Smith, Christi Dandurand

#### **Welcome-**

Jamie Ham opened the meeting at 10:00 am

Theresa Reagan spoke on the webinar and asked if anyone was participating and could hear us to type a post in- responses were made

It was mentioned that the PTC meeting times would be alternated this year between day and evening times

#### **Teachers report-**

Mrs. Woodring shared some things going on in first grade-

##### For Reading:

Using Daily 5 and helps kids learn to read to themselves, listen to reading, work with words, and reading with a partner.

Using CAFÉ which is an acronym for c=comprehension a=accuracy f=fluency e=expression

To help with fluency, 1<sup>st</sup> graders are using:

WEB reading: book brought home at students independent reading level

Book Share: read a book all week and then share it with a group at the end of the week

To help with comprehension: Shape GO Map which helps with knowing the important parts of stories

To help with decoding: Animal friends (Beanie Babies) to help them with strategies when they come to a tricky word

##### Writing

- Introduced what it looks like to be a writer and then worked on adding focused details to a story.
- Mrs. Woodring shared a students work before and then after focused details were added

##### Math

- Worked with numbers 1-10. Talked about breaking apart numbers to learn their partners and a total
- Worked on subtracting and adding number sentences
- Use math mountains-to help show partners and the relationship
- Starting unit 3 now

Mrs. Woodring talked about how there are four 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers so planning has been tricky since not all have the same planning time. They are using their lunch time as a common planning time. The reading teacher collaborates with the 1<sup>st</sup> grade team to prepare the best instruction for students. They speech and language teachers help with techniques to use to teach language and expression. First grade teachers also use an RTI specialist to help with students who struggle in certain areas and may need further support.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> grade report from Mr. Bowen**

Talked about how they differentiate subjects for students. Science and Social Studies are the same for all but with math and reading they have individual groups. Some reading and writing is the same for all.

Reading- making meaning (district curriculum) each student has their own purpose for reading (reading skills they are working on individually)

Math- three leveled groups - retesting each time to put in a group where that student should be for that unit Making sure each child is to be challenged-getting them to grade level, having them flourish where they are at, or be challenged more

### **Principal's Report-Theresa Reagan**

Spoke about the curriculum maps and how each grade builds up from the previous grade. Such as 1<sup>st</sup> grade build upon from Kindergarten and second grade from first and so on.

Spoke about RTI-Response to Instruction- preparing above, on, and below grade activities  
She stated two teachers were visiting that day from Minnesota to observe our teachers response to math.

She spoke of the importance of kids understanding onset (sound of 1<sup>st</sup> letter in a word) and rhyming

She spoke of how the staff has a sense of community, using their lunch time and breaks to work together

Mrs. Reagan stated that some of our students have been selected to take the National Assessment for Education test in January

She stated MEAP scores for grades 3,4, and 5 will be back in early January but she does not know yet when the state will allow her to share them with parents and students. Writing MEAP scores for 4<sup>th</sup> grade may not be back until April.

Theresa Reagan stated that students learning written language is really important  
Georgetown again will have the Just Write Celebration  
She spoke of how with technology we have expressive language through such things as Skype and written language like in email. She stated texting brings on a whole new genre of writing.  
Mrs. Reagan stated that in Mrs. Woodring's first grade class they will be using ipods in the room and in January will have ipads. The intervention groups also have ipads

### **Budget Review - Brenda reviewed the budget**

The walk a thon surpassed the goal and raised \$11,096.00.

The Box Tops shows a negative balance right now because of postage to mail in boxtops and prizes to winning classrooms, but when we get a check it will be in the positive. Should have a check for around \$2400.00 in December and we will submit again in March and have another check at the end of the year.

The Book Fair should break even. It is not a fundraiser.

Popcorn money that is shown (\$500.00 in monetary donations) will be used throughout the year with around \$300 being used to professionally clean the machine at the end of the year.

Some prizes have been purchased for Reading Counts - an ipod and 13 ipod shuffles (1 for each class)

**Vote on art frames** - Last year students artwork had been framed and hung for a permanent collection around the school and the PTC paid for the framing. The PTC was asked to pay a bill of \$1020.00 for framing again this year. Because the cost was over \$500 a vote needed to take place.

Theresa Reagan explained that the students get a color copy of the art and then the original is framed and hung in the school. Josey Brouwer, the art teacher, makes name plates for them (she does them out of her pocket and it is no cost to the PTC or school) .

Staci Nieboer asked what happens when the school walls are full, will they begin to take down the existing art to replace with the new. Theresa Reagan stated that Josey said it would be about 10 years before there would not be any space. Mrs. Reagan also stated that with technology we would be able to preserve those pictures taken down.

The frames were to put to vote and it was decided for the PTC to pay the framing bill and not take from any of the specials \$400 the PTC gives them. Tim Smith motioned and Stacey Alexander second the motion.

Jamie Ham asked that Josey Brouwer talk to the PTC about the cost before ordering in future years. The PTC will also make this a line item in the budget in future years.

It was also discussed where the frames are being done and that there may be cheaper options. Theresa Reagan stated the framing was done through Kandu Industries, which is a company that employs people with disabilities and that it is done at a reduced cost. Mrs. Reagan stated that the frames were done probably at about a 40% discount.

Tim Smith suggested an idea of auctioning off art work families have at home that they are getting rid of and using the revenue to give to the art teacher. Jamie Ham mentioned the PTC can only do two major fundraisers a year. Theresa Reagan mentioned if ever the PTC goes back to having the carnival as a fundraiser where the PTC has the silent auction as a fundraiser for the PTC that would be a good idea.

### **Old Business**

**Walk a thon:** spent only \$592 for prizes -a lot of items were donated. Doug and Jodi Royce did a wonderful job on this event.

**Book Fair:** Carrie Clark-Berry came back this year (her children are no longer in elementary) to help with those who will take over chairing this event. The One For Books raised \$210. Scholastic will match this for Toys for Tots.

The teachers wish lists were filled, we have \$800.00 left in our Scholastic Account which Julie Vandenberg, the librarian, will receive items from.

**Conference Dinner:** Kristi Fellows chaired this event and had a sloppy joe dinner for the teachers along with salads and desserts. Thanks to all who donated.

**Pizza Nights:** Going well! Profit listed on budget report for this meeting does not include the revenue from the Marco's night the school just had. Last year the PTC brought in maybe only \$200 for the whole year on pizza nights and we have surpassed that already!

**Box Tops:** Christi Dandurand, box top chairperson, stated she had a lot of expired box tops. She suggested switching to a monthly contest. It was mentioned that families seem to keep the box tops at home and save them to turn them in the couple times a year for the competition but then many are expired. A parent asked how much box tops were worth . Christi stated they were worth 10 cents each but that they are bonus one too. One that she showed those at the meeting was for \$10 but it had expired so it could not be used. A parent asked about the Cambells labels. Jamie Ham stated we get points for those and that we had used some of our points to get the Wii that was given as a prize for the Walk a Thon. The Spartan labels are worth 2 cents. It was suggested by Christi to use box top products as prizes too. Other suggestions she made were changing the prizes to be for a class rather than individuals. She talked about a possible traveling trophy and making a school goal. She is planning on getting a flyer out by Christmas Break. A parent mentioned having something in the classrooms for students to put the box tops in.

## **New Business**

### **Holiday Gift Shop-**

Coming up after Thanksgiving. The chairs are using Volunteer Spot to sign up. Still needs volunteers. Please contact Jamie Ham (PTC President) if you would like to help out.

It was asked by Jamie Ham if we still want to use Fun Services for the holiday shop or if we want to have shoppers throughout the year and sell those items? Jamie Ham mentioned that Amanda Troyer met with other board members from other PTC's and we were the only school that used Fun Services. The PTC first went to Fun Services because we did not have the money ahead of time to shop for items but now we could do that. Those at the meeting seemed happy with Fun Services and felt the children did too so it was decided to keep using Fun Services for the holiday shop. Jamie Ham stated too she has only had a couple complaints regarding the merchandise in the years the holiday shop has taken place at Georgetown. Jennifer Pietrzak mentioned at a previous school her children attended they made homemade gifts and put gifts together. She stated it was very time consuming and expressed not wanting to do that. It was asked by a parent if we could sell other items along with Fun Services. Jamie Ham stated only Hudsonville Apparel and items may be sold when using Fun Services. Jennifer Pietrzak suggested making labels ahead of time that say "Mom", "Dad", "Grandpa", etc. to make labeling the gifts easier. It was also mentioned that the Holiday Gift Shop is only during the day but that parents may come in and look around if they wish. It was also stated by Jamie Ham that there are "Santa Bucks" given out to students that may need financial assistance to shop.

### **Father/Daughter event-**

Stacey Alexander spoke on this event. She and Amanda Troyer had met to start planning. The event will be in February. Need donations to draw for prizes – examples - Lowes, Great Wolf Lodge, donation from Hudsonville Boosters. Also have items for girls - Justice, Design 1. We will be pre selling tickets at the Holiday program on December 9. A small gift will be received when tickets are purchased early. The food will have a cupcake theme (Costco has donated gift cards) and a chocolate fountain. The plan is to hire a DJ.

**Mother/son event** will be discussed at the next PTC meeting.

(note: these event were listed incorrectly on the PTC meeting Agenda. It will be father/daughter and mother/son)

Stacey Alexander stated a pancake breakfast was being planned as a fundraiser for 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration

Staci Nieboer mentioned if anyone wishes to attend the Griffins Night with Alward money is due on Monday, Nov. 15.

Volunteers are needed to help copy and assemble the student directory!! Please contact a PTC board member if you can help with this!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am