

**AUBURN ELEMENTARY
PTO MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 4, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The March 2019 meeting was called to order by M. Shaver at 6:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE

Co-Coordinators Katie Hintz, Misty Shaver, Laura Hill, Principal Stephen Sevener, Teacher Chelsie Maxwell and parent Jessi Yisa.

SECRETARIES REPORT

- M. Shaver motioned to accept the January 2019 meeting minutes. C. Maxwell seconded. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer was absent. An overview of the budget was available. No new transactions were discussed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- The Color Run Kick-Off Assembly was held on Friday, March 1st for students. The assembly energized students and was a lot of fun. Mackensen and McAlear-Sawden Elementaries have elected not to participate with Auburn this year. The Color Run will be held in April.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday, March 21st and Tuesday, March 26th. Some grade levels are exploring "optional" parent-teacher conferences. Parents will receive a letter from their child's classroom teacher if they do not need to attend a face to face conference as a result of their child's academic and social-emotional progress, but will have the option of holding a face-to-face conference (for the spring conferences only). Teachers will contact the parent by phone to confirm there are no academic or social-emotional concerns if a face to face conference is not requested where a parent receives an "optional" letter. Fall conferences will always be held face-to-face.
- We did experience some problems with "Momo." A digital citizenship article was placed in our March newsletter. Parents are encouraged to monitor their child(ren)'s access to technology and websites they visit always.
- Forty-five kindergartners were registered at our Kindergarten Registration event on Monday, February 25th. This is about average for the first night of registration.
- The Variety Show is going to be held a little later in April. A kindergarten parent is going to be coordinating this event with the departure of our previous coordinators. Tryouts will be held for Monday, March 11th with the Variety Show on Friday, April 12th.
- Our 3rd Grade Teachers have prepared a month of activities for March is Reading Month. A calendar was shared with students to share with their families.
- There are conversations but no definitive plans being made by the school district for making up snow days. We are going to proceed with PTO and school-related activities as they are currently scheduled.
- The new RAPTOR secure public access system has been installed and training has taken place. Information about this new school security tool will be shared soon.

Co-Coordinator's Report

- Our Winter events, bowling night and the pool party, went very well. Turn out was great!
- The annual Fun Fair is this Friday, March 8th, from 5:30-7:30p.m. We're holding our Fun Fair the same night at Zion Lutheran and McAlear-Sawden and a teacher conference. We might need to

explore a different weekend next year to avoid problems associated with trying to find volunteers, etc.

- Field Day is going to occur on Friday, May 31st. The date has not changed despite the number of snow days that we have had. A discussion was held regarding an appropriate spot for spraying students with water as part of the Fire Safety station.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- We'll need to discuss before next year, our goals for future fundraising initiatives.
 - We can look into other projects, such as signature field trips that venture out further than just our local area.
- The maintenance of PTO purchased items was discussed. The district will not maintain, out of General Funds, items purchased by school PTO or Booster organizations. We will need to address, in our budget, the preservation of the outdoor classroom (staining and water-sealing the wood, potential vandalism, etc.), any future play structures, the track, etc. to ensure they do not fall into disrepair and will be maintained for use.
- We need to figure out what our priorities are going to be moving forward. In future meetings we will try to hash out exactly what we want to accomplish for the upcoming year so that we can more confidently go forward in figuring out funding (whether through grants, fundraising events, community partnerships, etc.).

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

- Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30p.m.
- C. Maxwell motioned to adjourn. K.Hintz seconded. All were in favor.