HOPE SCHOOL PTSCA



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Hope PTSCA Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2015

Minutes taken by: Barb Bureau

Meeting began 3:45pm, Tues, February 10, 2015

In Attendance: Diane Olthius, Patti Truesdell, Barbra Bureau, Sandy Barron, Tahneta Stroh, Jason Skaaren, Pam Skogstad, Willie Davidson, and Michael Hanson on Speaker phone.

Last meeting minutes read and approved.

**Teacher’s Report:**

Sandy - successful Astronomy Night. Testing week went well. Started circus arts in PE Patti - Battle of Books is done, 2 teams did well. Mock trial was great.

Kids are now writing essays on it. Maria's cooking class Tues evenings is a hit. Adoption certificates for AWCC animals arrived and on display in front case.

**Principal's Report**:

 Michael said there is a 3 1/2 hour "intensive need"

aid position available and posted on the borough website. Michael will be here 2/15 if anyone needs to meet with her. End of year picnic is in Hope this year. Discussion about end of year events and dates.

Principal at Seward Middle school has resigned, position open.

**Misc:**

Pam Skogstad said some of the staff from Hope Resources want to come on a Mon or Fri in April and do a healthy cooking/nutrition class.

Discussion about this, and having a "wellness day, or week". Pam will follow up. She also reported that a Japenese exchange student is coming in March and she'd like to bring them to the school to observe PE classes and maybe do a lesson. Shoes have arrived, thanks to Pam and the Basics program. Gym shoes donated by Skinny Raven are in the entryway, every kid to get a pair if they want. They should then be taken to other KPB schools for distribution. Discussion. Basics money distribution was discussed. There is $500 to spend. Ice skates and skating equipment is the top suggestion. Tahneta will look for equip in town. Patti made a motion that we use at least $250 of the money for skates, helmets. Seconded. All in favor. Michael said we need to have waivers signed by parents if kids are skating on school time.

Ice skating rink is done, huge thanks to Jim Skogstad.

T-shirts - logo #1 won the vote. No news on ordering (Jeannine out of

town)

Lock-in will be Feb 27 for older kids

Movie night - was fun

Fundraising - Pizza delivery night. Gina offered to help. Needs lots of pre-planning, but we all agreed it could be a huge and profitable success. Decided on March 5th as the first one.

Track - there's interest in starting track this spring. Discussion. More later.

Basketball - Maybe do some with Seward next year if there's continued interest. Sandy suggested going to a UAA game in the spring, since it was such a success last year.

Lunch/cleanup - Sandy presented (for Sara) a recurring problem with kids' lunches and asked that kids start bringing simpler foods that don't need long cooking/prep times, or big cleanup. A letter to parents should go out with this suggestion.

Diane spoke about the annual $500 grant available from the Historical Corridor. We've used it two years now and had great trips to Seward and Girdwood. Discussion about where to go this year with the money. One suggestion was Hope to Whittier, including Sunrise history, or doing another trip to Seward focusing on Iditarod history/Seavey Kennel... She also said she's bringing to school two signs made for the Hope Historical Society Museum that several students help make.

Willie showed some of the metal hearts kids are making in welding class for Valentines fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06pm.