

A.W. HANMER SCHOOL PTO MINUTES
January 19, 2017

In attendance: Alison Buser, Nicole Hart, Rob Hart, Kate Mularkey Melendez, Marjorie Carson, Erin Kennedy, Alicia Petrik, Margaret Zacchai, Polly Moon, John Morris, Catherine Krout, Gail Maharajh, Jonathan Diaz

Board of Education Discussion:

Polly Moon on the Budget from the BOE

- Starting Budget now, there are funding cuts from the state (state holding back 150,000 of what supposed to get)
- 245,000 deficit, not anticipating a surplus, first budget workshop is January 28, if we as parents have priorities let the BOE know
- important in April to have parental support, email, or call town council members, or come to the BOE meeting (having a presence is very important)
- February 15 Budget presentation
- March 15 to the Town Council

Discussion with parents at this meeting:

Teachers priorities are small class size

Parents: Don't want to lose tutors, discretionary funds: use for buses, maintenance and furniture is important, funding for technology

Principal Message:

- Update: academic, problem and civics goals ; report on the Civics (ALS and Jingle Bell Run- Went very well, filled a car and had lots of donations, UNICEF, 2nd graders made scarves for my sisters place, 1st grade- scarecrows on Main (Caterpillar), noticing the helpers in the school, how decisions impact the community (principals round table)
- Thank-you for the Nutmeg books; we have a lot of readers
- Empty Bowls project- to help fund the Action Network Hunger- Art Teachers Making bowls- communal, show them at the Kenney art show, proceeds will go to fund the Hunger Network
- Unified sports

Teacher report:

- Unified Sports- 23 students, basketball, soccer, etc. Hanmer the only elementary school to be participating
- jump rope for heart- fundraiser for the American heart week and wear red for women's heart association

Treasurer Report:

- Income: Jingle Bell \$329.00; Bingo 162.00, school pics 955.00; Barnes and Noble 1,150.85, Wreath 336.00, 6th graders have raised 871.00\$
- Expenses: Stand up desks 670.00
- Durham School Services: 693.00 for buses for 6th grade

Upcoming Events:

- WolfPack: This Saturday
- Yard Goats: May 12 if the stadium is done
- Bingo: Carla has all paperwork in for BINGO nights (Beach Blanket Bingo) February 24, May 12
- Winter Dance- March 3- Patti Mortyko
- Pancake Breakfast- April 1st- Dan Moran; teacher raffle baskets, fire truck, clean up school grounds day (Kristine Roth)
- Spring Fair: at Pine Acres Catherine Krout, Alicia Gove- look into a date ; either catering or pre-order food
- Field Day:t-shirts, maybe have kids design John will look into this, 1/2 day before Memorial Day
- Hip Hop day April 19-25
- Mixed Bag-Lisa Fenelli- March, deliver in April
- Variety Show- Auditions- March 21 and 22; Show April 28

WSPC

Cyber Seminar- Middle School- 6:30-8:00, then talk from our town , Thursday February 9

Keene Foundation YOGA- Jan 24 need more enrollment

6th grade committee:

Puerto Vallarta night February 6th

PTO- openings

Rob is stepping down

Kate will be co-president

nurse- if child has fever, keep them home, stomach flu keep them home, increase in strep and stomachs bug

Meeting adjourned