

Minutes approval: Chris Popek motioned, Marty Munson seconded

Mrs. Rassow:

- Building immersed in Operetta. Staff rehearsed first time with students. Operetta is at the MS next week. Tickets will be sold online & in the front hallway starting next week.
- A handout with the dates of the field days, NYS assessments & 5th grade dates were handed out
- 5th grade moving up is on a ½ day. Will still be in gym. Teachers felt that the half day fit their teaching schedule better.
- Dare started for 5th graders this week. DARE officer is now Kristen Mazur. She has been a DARE officer for years but not at South Davis. They may consider presenting the program to the PTO/parents as it's changed over the years. Used to be heavy drug focus – expanded to include bullying, character decisions, internet safety. Date to be determined.
- NYS assessment:
- State decision to extend time between the ELA & Math exams – felt this will be a positive
- It's a parent/family decision on whether or not their child should take assessments.
- This is the first year & until 2020 that the assessment scores will not be linked to teacher/principal evaluations
- Last year they were able to get & analyze the data from those who took the test. The more test takers, the more data. Opt out rate high at SD 48% of 5th graders, 47% of 4th graders & 49% of 3rd graders. Depending on the opt out rates this year, they may move the students around between the rooms so the test takers can have quiet while taking tests. The other students read with them in the same room.
- Website: Julianne Becker at district office is trying to make elementary websites more consistent. She is going to alphabetize the tabs, quick bits & archived quick bits to be added under PTO/Parent link

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- Letter from Family Justice thanking the school for the items received from our December fundraiser.
- Community Donation line item of \$200 was discussed. Letter received from parents of a joint SD & Eggert DI group asking PTO for assistance. Annetta was going to follow up to verify SD involvement. Unanimous vote taken approving \$100 based on Annetta's follow up. Competition dates given in letter.
- Thank you letter will be going out to the OP Foundation from SDPTO for money for the Rachel's Challenge end of year celebration and for the author visits.
- Open positions discussed – a sheet listing the positions was sent around. Also a quick bit to go out. Marty Munson offered to run Moovin & Groovin. Katie Minear agreed to take the SDM position.

Treasurer: Annetta distributed & reviewed the January monthly report & the YTD report.

CCPTO (Lisa Taips – Katie Fabianski was absent): A couple schools used the Zoup fundraiser & made well over \$200. Square One was also used - \$1500 next made on each one.

- Windom raffles off 4 front row tickets each night of their operetta & donate the money to charity. The charity this year was Kaely's Kindness.
- A lengthy discussion on "Literacy is Not Enough 21st-Century Fluencies for the Digital Age" book was done. Copies of the book will be available at the schools & district office. Conversation will be continuing next meeting. Also looking to see if they can bring the video "Most Likely to Succeed" to the district for viewing possibly in the fall.
- Chromebooks for 9th graders to be handed out beginning of March. Insurance will be available. Found that juniors & seniors feel they aren't as tech savvy as they should be.
- Lengthy discussion of social media & the PTO. They felt it was positive to have a Facebook page for your PTO to reach out to more people & use it as reminders to events, a way to get volunteers. Another position may be needed.

Old Business:

- Debbie reported Box Tops update is still going on until February 15th. Ice cream party to the winner. Will have one more Box Top drive to end late May to get in before June deadline.
- Katie Minear advised Niagara Candy sale is still ongoing until 2/17 – no late orders due to break.

New Business:

- Michelle & Colleen held first Family Fun Night meeting. Theme is Sports – organized sports in a parents vs kids format with a scorecard on one side of the gym. A brand new game on the other side. Cake walk in commons. Cafeteria will have pizza or taco in a bag, a snack shack & sports bloopers will be shown. Library will have crafts & will also show bloopers. Sign up will be coming out soon.
- New flags (they were talked about in a prior meeting as an early grant – US & NYS flags) were officially approved.