

**REPORT FROM KELLY JONES, SITE-COUNCIL**

Jones recommends writing letters to the School Board so that board members know the community is interested and listening. Statement of position on closures and questioning the need for closers is requested. Also, letters to the editor are also requested. The projection of future growth is East, Central, and South West corner of Lawrence - depending if the trafficway goes through. A potential problem with a new school located at 15th and Haskell is that the school will probably lose parents that are key members in the community. The school will most likely be filled with economically challenged families, which may in turn offer less support.

Alee Phillips reports that it is irresponsible for the board to make a decision this year before finding out what is happening in Topeka. (Possibly lifting the cap on local budget).

ATTENDEES

Mr. Cinnamon, Cindy McCoy, Sharon Ashworth, Aline Hoey, Kelly Barker, Shana Good, Michaelayn Agnew, Alee Phillips, and Amy Cowardin.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Mr. Cinnamon reported that the Martin Luther King celebration went well. Iris Hyde and Taylor Burkes shared about our community project. (An ongoing donation box in which personal items are collected and shared with families in need.) Helping Hawks has been accessed and wishes fulfilled. Mr. Cinnamon passes forward appreciation from those in need.

State Assessments start again in the spring. 5th grade will start before spring break. The rest of the classes will begin April 2nd. KELPA starts next week.

TREASURERS REPORT (please see attachment)

Aline noted a mistake made in last months report. \$662.00 was accidentally added into the chess club balance, this has been rectified by subtracting \$662.00 this month.

Teacher wish list -- \$2,000 was placed on a bank card. A \$3 fee was added
Equal Exchange had a late invoice that was paid
Club information at the bottom of the report is for Dietrich.

OLD BUSINESS - TEACHER WISH LIST

Orthlopes music has already been ordered and she should have it. Romary asked for a new pencil sharpener. Kelly will add to the wish list, purchase everything and deliver, including an area rug for Barke.

It was noted to check with district to make sure there is not already an item available that a teacher could have or use.



NEW BUSINESS

Marathon club - Alee Phillips (see attachment)

Most grade schools in Lawrence already have an existing marathon club, Three prominent clubs are at Sunflower, Deerfield, and Sunset Hill.

Propose to meet Tues and Friday mornings. Children can walk or jog. A total of 26.2 miles earns a T-shirt, name on morning announcement and maybe their photo displayed or put in the newsletter. Kids may do "marathon homework" since we are starting late in the year to try to earn 26.2 miles by the end of the school year. Each mapped out lap around the play yard earns 1/6 of a mile. 3 volunteers per morning are needed. 2 people to check kids in and out. Kids earn a raffle ticket every time they make a lap. At the end of the session tickets are returned and that number of laps is recorded on a spreadsheet. Alee will convert laps to miles.

K-2nd grade must have a parent with them. A waiver must be signed to participate. It is free to join. Mr. Cinnamon requested a lawyer look over the waiver. Those children who come early to school for breakfast can join at 8:15 - no children will be allowed to run after 8:15.

Boys and Girls Club kids may want to participate. Boys and Girls leader must be present for those kids to participate and those kids must have a signed waiver from their parent. Possibly use pennies from Mr. Marshall - All children with a signed waiver would get a penny for easy visual of which kids are participating in the program.

Other ideas: More volunteers in the beginning, 2nd emergency contact, First Aid Kit with ice packs stored in Mr. Heaths room. Send an email blast by 7:15 from cordleymarathonclub@gmail.com to notify parents of possible cancellation (bad weather).

All in Favor of Marathon Club. Motion Carried

Book Fair - Michaelayn Agnew

Books delivered on Feb. 9th, Set-up will be Feb. 10th. Books will be picked up on Tues, Feb 14. "kids crew" will keep books and displays looking nice. Needed before and after school. Also can help decorate, make posters, create a volcano for the wall since it is a Luau theme.

Volunteers are needed. Michaelayn will send a sign up sheet for Sharon via email to request more volunteers. Change is needed from Aline by Monday afternoon.

Other upcoming events

Staff Meals for Conferences, Feb 15 and 16 Dinner and Lunch- Alee Phillip



Other upcoming events (cont'd)

Potluck/Barn Dance 5:30-7:00. (Becky O'Keefe)

- Flyers should be handed out at conferences and explanation to those that do not understand what a Potluck is.
- Request that PTA officers and committee members double up on food to make up for those who are unable.
- Mr. Cinnamon will patrol the halls to make sure that they remain quiet while conferences are being held.
- Band will be pointed toward the play yard to decrease noise level for conferences.

Cordley Volunteer for the Day (CVD)

Although this service has been discontinued, for April testing it will be used to find volunteers to help in the classrooms since Para's will be helping with testing. So far there are 5 volunteers for 12 slots. Need one for kindergarten round-up. Date still to be determined.

Pancake Feed - Mr. Cinnamon will be absent.

Third Grade Music program the night before the pancake feed.

NEW INITIATIVE OPTIONS

Sharon Ashworth spoke with National Geographic and learned that maps, games, and learning tools can be rented for \$525.00 for 2 weeks. Booths with KU international volunteers could be set up to talk about their country. Could also turn it into a game (Amazing Race) Give the kids passports and they could earn stamps for each booth and a filled passport equals a reward. Teams of at least 4 kids and 2 adults so that the teams consist of mostly kids. Perhaps we could team up with another school and share the expense and the goods.

Smaller initiative ideas for this year: Story night linked with book swap

Game night - Movie night

Librarian Night - Book Talk for kids about which books are good at different reading levels - Including multi-language books, set up library cards. Jackie Stafford will contact Librarian

Bigger initiatives for another year: Make and Take night. Make learning kits to take home "kitchen science" to give away at science night.

District owns: Star lab (only 14 kids in tent at a time)- info to take home to look at things in the sky. Constellation artwork in another room.

DECIDED: Geography in the fall. Need to form a committee and ask for volunteers.



Lawrence Give Back cards. Sharon Ashworth will code for Cordley and will give out at the Family Potluck and or the Book Fair.

A Call for nomination for officers for next year was made.