

ATONEMENT PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
MEETING for JANUARY 14, 2025

Call to Order: by Kristy Mandrell at 6:32 pm

Attendance and Introductions:

In Person: Kristy Mandrell, Beth Suba, Kim Paquette, Ted Jander, Derrick Hall, Darla Speck, Charlynn Johanningmeier, Kristin McGraw, Zach Luebke;

Virtually: Debra Jones, Christie Wynne, Jenn Jordan-Hatten, Janelle Turner, Ken Johson, Alexis/Nick Thiele, Dawn Abernathy, Terri Nelson, Shola Adewole

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion to approve by Zach, seconded by Darla. Passed unopposed.

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Meeting Minutes to be posted on school's website

Treasurer Report:

- Purchased 20 Chromebooks for school, no line item on budget
- The APTO dues listed on the budget were from last year, and provided to us at the resignation of the accountant to close out their end
- Due to financial crisis of school, APTO will not collect dues from school going forward
- Received deposit for holiday shop and Bobo's

Principal Report:

- (Principal Becca Gardner resigned from her position at the end of the 2nd quarter. The Board has appointed Mr. Theodore Jander to serve as Interim Principal for the remainder of the year.) We will provide him with the \$3000 Principal Funds that Mrs. G did not utilize
- Fully staffed at this point, with three new employees being installed during Pastor Delaney's final Chapel on 1/15/25. Current staff will receive a blessing as well.
- Still seeking school nurse, given job description to Deaconess Nurse Ministry
- Enrollment currently at 159 Students
- Before/After Care have been a concern, we would like to hire Recreation Academy for these and possibly other services, but are still trying to reach minimum enrollments
Other providers are available for "drop-in" services, but require to purchase a key card for additional costs, and some only provide care to K-8th grade students
- Growing "pool" of substitute teachers
- Updating the website aesthetically

School Board Report:

- Karen Riles has joined the board, as of 1/13/25
- Registration for 2025-2026 year is starting earlier than ever this year and there will be incentives. Here are the dates:
 - EARLY REGISTRATION: 2/20/25 – 2/28/25
 - Normal registration: 3/1/25 – 4/18/25
 - (Anything past April is considered late registration)
- There will be an audit/inventory of IT Equipment, infrastructure, etc. through DACOM, which APTO will pay for at \$150/hr for 8-10 hours of work
Motion to approve by Zach, seconded by Charlynn.

Dawn asked if school will confidently be held for the 2025-2026 year. The School Board is confident that if benchmarks are met through the enrollment process there will be a school next year. Derrick mentioned that the Board will be transparent during this process

Dawn asked what the school is doing to market, such as an Open House. Typically Open House is during Lutheran Schools Week, which is in March.

New Business:

- Holiday Shoppe inventory was not replenished, because we were unsure of the financial situation and uncertainty of the next school year, and it was decided that the inventory would be too costly if we did not continue.
- Dining Night Outs are scheduled for Raising Canes on 1/22 and Culvers on 2/18
- Game Night will occur on 1/17, but we were unable to successfully collect RSVPs due to the extended holiday break due to excessive snow days, etc
- Donut Hole Day is 2/14 and Charlynn will order from Old Town
- VIP Day will be cancelled due to a basketball tournament in Jefferson City on the same day
- Trivia Flyer will be headed home soon, tables are still \$150 each to maintain a reasonable cost
- APTO is now taking nominations for the 2025-2026 Board
- We will provide \$500 to Field Day expenses

Open Floor:

- A few classes are short on textbooks. The ones we are using are outdated and out of print, so the school is ordering discounted from ABE Books
- DACOM will set up the Chromebooks purchased in November, and they will be placed into the IT Inventory. It's possible that more computers will need to be purchased, based on how many we do/don't have from the Ferguson/Florissant School District
- Shola asked about NWEA Testing, which is pending IT Inventory. They are also requesting previous scores, which Mr. J is working on locating since he is still new to the position
- Janelle would like a school-wide learning app such as IXL, which was met with great interest as it meets state requirements for learning. She was asked to research quotes for implementation of this program

Meeting adjourned at 7:22