

MUIR ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 13, 2018

4:30 PM MUIR MEDIA CENTER

WELCOME/CONDUCTING

MARILYN MERKLEY

PAST MEMBERS- CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

In attendance: Paul Doty, Kellianne Holt, Marilyn Merkley, Kara Felix, Rudy Larsen, Julie Turner, Joanna Monson

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES Approved by digital consent and posted online.
Motion to approve minutes by Kellianne Holt, seconded Paul Doty

COUNCIL BUSINESS Kellianne Holt
5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP
PRESALE FOR YEAR BOOK
NO SCHOOL MONDAY, DISTRICT STEM FAIR

CALENDAR ITEMS

February 13	Community Council Meeting 4:30 5 th Grade Field Trip to the Symphony 10:45-1:30
February 14	Happy Valentine's Day!
February 15	School Spelling Bee 6:00-7:00 in Gym
February 16	Presales of yearbook ends at \$10. After today \$15.
February 19	No School! President's Day!
February 26	District STEM Fair for 6 th Grade Reading Week! Coding Class 3:30-4:30
February 27	2 nd Grade Field Trip – Clark Planetarium Author Assembly – Julie Olson K-3 2:45-3:20.
February 28	Breakfast with a Buddy! 8:00 in Gym
March 1	Reading Week Assembly 2:30 (Grades 3-6) 1 st Grade Field Trip – Treehouse Museum

Chinese Immersion Applications are due today! –*We discussed reasons why the district is changing to half day immersion kindergarten. All other schools in the state are half day kindergarten.*

March 2 Chinese Lantern Festival
Book Battles 1:30—*We discussed the PTO meeting discussion from this week about how to choose teams for the Book Battles. One suggestion was to switch off years with the kids choosing their own teams and having teachers choose the teams.*

PTO MINUTE

PTO President - Aubrey Harris -- *absent*
Play Rehearsals – continuing
(Every Tuesday, Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 PM, and every Friday from 7:00-8:30 AM)
3 casts
School Spelling Bee February 15, 2018 6:00 PM

PARENT ISSUES/CONCERNS

- Large class sizes for next year in 1st grade –*Marilyn discussed portables, we will have one for sure next year, possibly two. We will have 5 first grade classes next year. Our school is over capacity by 200+ students.*

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Marilyn Merkley

- Blended and Digital Learning - Definitions
Seven Survival Skills- what teachers are implementing throughout the year
Teachers are currently working on Accessing and Analyzing Information
Last district training is this week
- Assessments for our school – Dibels, SRI testing, iReady Diagnostics, SAGE, CRT's – *our Dibels goal was 80% and we scored 79%*
- Reading Merit Badge Class- Any feedback?
- Yearbook Sales 1/8 – 2/16 for \$10 then until 3/23 for \$15
- SIP Goals – District Planning Day March 27, 2018 –*Marilyn, Kellianne and Scott will go to this planning meeting*
- SIP Funds - \$73,203
 - How do we want to spend our money?
 - Dibels – library reading materials to increase fluency/comprehension *\$2,000*
 - Blended and Digital Learning Instructional Strategies – “Bold School” book to support Professional Development *\$4,000*
 - Teacher Assistants to support instructional improvements and excellence in teaching. Scatter groups is what we would

like to do under the direction of the ELA –paying for TAs, if we have the same number as this year, with all the hours they want, this will cost \$63,600. Possibly use “scatter group” intervention with TAs, which will be more productive and save money. This may be a scheduling problem for immersion classes.

- STEM – Improve participation in STEM afterschool programs
 - VEX IQ, Spheros, Chess Club, Coding
 - Would like to add one – Arduino, Dash & Dots?

\$5,000 for 3 carts, 45 ipad covers, 117 Chrome Books. We can pay the difference if we want to upgrade to ThinkPads. One benefit to ThinkPads is that the students can print from them, they cannot print from Chrome Books.

Total is \$69,000 of trust land funds.

Marilyn shared an article about why coding is important to learn as early as elementary age.

MOTION TO ADJURN KARA FELIX, SECOND BY PAUL DOTY

NEXT MEETING

March 13, 2018