Present: Amanda Fort, Carrie Stoltz, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Fountain, Mrs. Pogrmich, Amy Conway, Kevin Stoltz, Melissa McLaughlin, Robert Ptaszynski, Chris Theodorvich, Molly Meath, John Snider, Nicole Paddon, Laura Carr, Cathy Auler

Meeting started: 6:02pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:04pm

TOPICS of DISCUSSION:

1. Approval of September 2016 minutes
   1. Motion to approve: John Snider second: Dave Anderson
2. Treasurer’s report
   1. Motion to approve: John Snider second: Mrs. Pogrmich
   2. balance as of 9/26/16: $10980.63
3. Presentation by Amy Conway
   1. GSD budget
      1. State requires 5% of base budget (1.6 mil has to be in base budget)
      2. Out of deficit, but still on watch list
      3. Current fund balance projected to be couple hundred thousand to “good”
      4. Fund balance considered to be “rainy day $”
      5. Items that helped GSD get out of deficit: sinking fund, teachers/administrators taking salary cuts, renegotiated contract with Champions (5% of profits), cell towers behind SMS/CHS (were receiving $600/mth-ended up selling for $90k and will profit from future antennas being installed on it), snapshots of schools budgets reviewed by GSD monthly, looking at another millage or bond issue in future to help upgrade schools, upcoming Wayne RESA millage vote
   2. New programs to GSD
      1. STEM curicuulum
      2. Lakeshore virtual school (6-12) – offers flexibility
      3. Direct college at CHS – partnered with MCCC, open to all grade levels if eligible (English and humanities available now)
      4. Weather STEM – full service weather station installed at SMS/CHS campus; first in MI
   3. Marketing
      1. Opened up school of choice to Monroe county, Twitter, postcards, e-blasts, t-shirts,
   4. Count Day 2017
      1. Hard to speculate on official count – need “butts in seats”, but equation is very complicated, hopeful for positive outcome
4. By-laws
   1. Tabled until November meeting due to absence of Holly Lusk, VP.
5. Fall events
   1. Book fair
      1. October 17-21
      2. Will be open during P/T conferences
      3. Amanda will get flyers out by end of week.
   2. Fall Fundraiser
      1. PartyLite was chosen fall fundraiser
   3. Monster Mash
      1. Holly to advise on DJ and send out volunteer form soon
      2. 5th grade will chair bake sale
   4. Craft/vendor show
      1. November 12
      2. $20/8 ft. table-bring your own
      3. Nicole Paddon agreed to chair event.
6. Principal’s comments
   1. Mr. Snider will chair Chess Club at Weiss. Secured Weiss great rate on sustainable chess boards for school to invest in. Club will run 4-5 on Wednesdays. Proposal presented which includes vinyl chess boards and plastic chessmen with carry bag, demo board w/pieces, chess design pencils, quartz clocks $477 or just $309 for 15 boards and NO clocks. Motion to approve spending $477 by Kevin Stoltz second by Mrs. Pogrmich
      1. Yes – unanimous
      2. no – none
         1. There will be a $10 fee to students
   2. Character counts assemblies went well in September. Some students will be recognized this month.
   3. Mod Pizza fundraiser – 20% back to school; fundraisers run 4-8; first date chice 11/23 and second choice date is 11/8
   4. Tomorrow night is first FUNraiser with kindergarten class from 6-7. PTO will cover snacks for event. Mr. Anderson will purchase and submit a receipt.
   5. Teacher liaisons – Mrs. Fountain and Mrs. Pidgeon have volunteered. At least one of them will attend the meeting each month and will act as communicators between the PTO and teachers.a
7. Teacher’s comments
   1. Cardboard challenge
      1. 5th grade teaming up with 1st grade
         1. Voted on themes. One group doing amusement park and second group doing escape room
         2. Building begins tomorrow. Finished products will be on display at P/T conferences
   2. 5th grade’s PBL has begun. Challenge has been finding way to take all standards from their package and match up with new curriculum. Working toward student government. Ultimately plan is a “government” that will attend meetings and help make decisions.
8. Open discussion
   1. Weiss Wear – Order will be submitted to Shorty’s 10/4.
   2. Bowling family fun night was scheduled tentatively scheduled for January 27, but Parsons already booked that night. Woodhaven Lanes not available February 10 or 24 and 17 is Friday before long weekend. Amanda will call and see if February 3 is available. If it is we will book and likely forego our plans for a Winter Fest in January/February.