

Wards Creek School Advisory Council

February 8, 2018

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Wards Creek Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Wards Creek Elementary Media Center on February 8, 2018. Teresa Lloyd made a motion to call the meeting to order and Kristen Fanning seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried. Mrs. Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:06. Dana Smith recorded minutes for this meeting.

II. Review/Approve November's Minutes

The Minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes was moved by Kristin Fanning and seconded by Teresa Lloyd. The motion was voted on and carried.

III. Vimeo/Facetime

There were no members that used Vimeo to join the meeting.

IV. Deputy Gabe Bagby

Deputy Bagby presented information on cyberbullying laws and social media rules for children. He showed the same PowerPoint on Social Media that he showed to 4th and 5th grade students in Mrs. Battaglino's class. Social media provides a place for people to cyberbully other people anonymously.

For example, at Nease High School, students have been making fake profiles on people they don't like. There have also been mean polls showing students faces and then you can vote on if you think they are ugly or not.

What should you or your child do if cyberbullying occurs? Take a screen shot to provide evidence if needed to school officials or the police.

House Bill 609 (July 1, 2013) allows for schools to discipline students for off campus harassment and cyberbullying has been added to the bill.

Cyberbullying is a second degree felony which covers bodily injury and threats. A student's repeated cyberstalking (on any of the social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and the newly popular Kik) can lead to suspension, expulsion, and even a second degree misdemeanor.

Out of 655 students surveyed, 59% of girls had been cyberbullied.

Deputy Bagby also showed several short videos. One explained the definition of cyberbullying: using social media to harass, threaten, or embarrass someone.

He suggested reminding your children/students that everything you do in an electronic environment leaves a digital footprint that cannot be erased. Tell them that they should THINK before they post. Is the post:

TTrue?

HHelpful?

IInspiring?

NNecessary?

KKind?

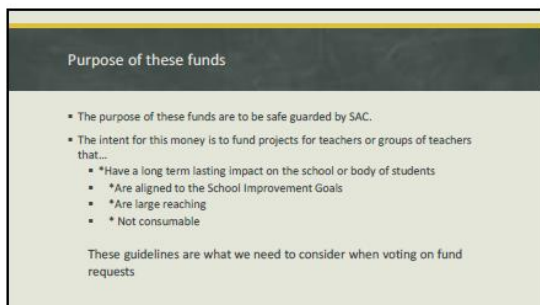
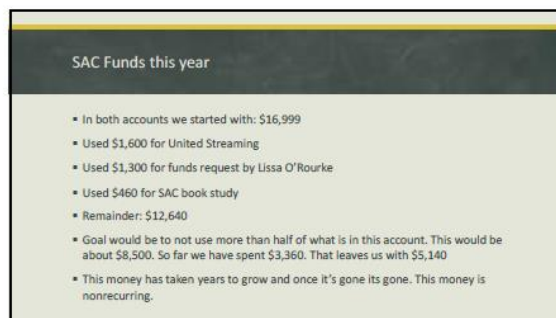
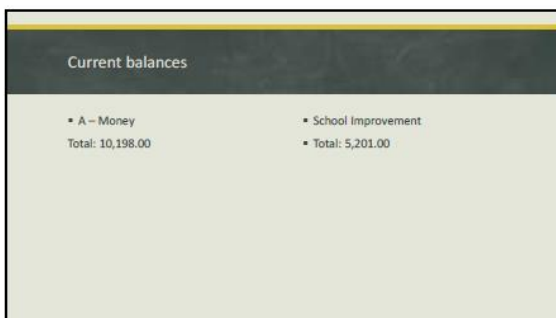
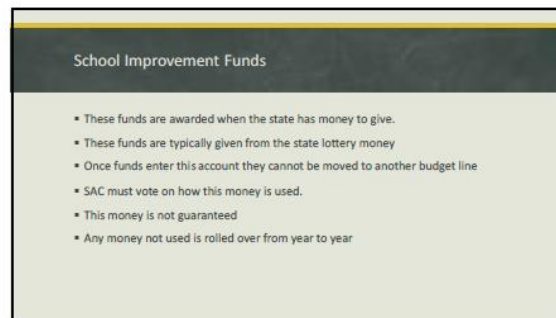
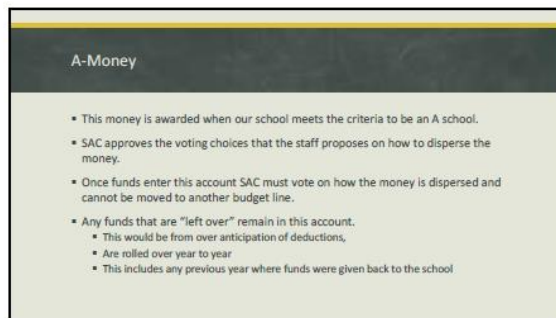
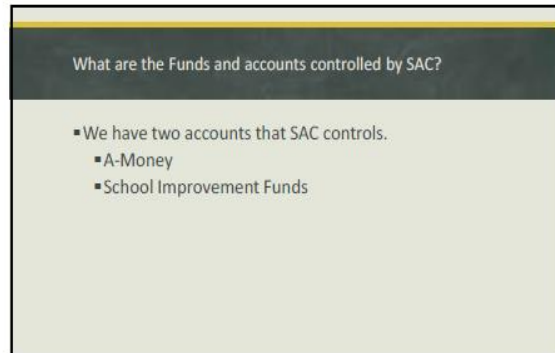
IV. New Business

a. Book Study: "The Whole Brained Child"

Kristin Fanning reported that 26 books had been ordered, but only 6 have been received. The six books were passed out and the persons receiving them were asked to pass them along so other members have access to them. Everyone should read chapters 1 and 2 by the next time we meet ready to discuss the chapters.

b. SAC Financials

Kristen Fanning present the following information in a PowerPoint:



b. Second Grade Funds Request – Dana Smith

After the presentation made concerning the purpose of the funds Dana stated that she didn't think her request met the guidelines. Kristin Fanning read the two requests. (1) Second Grade requesting \$59 for Spelling City to build vocabulary in second grade students. (2) Dana Smith requested \$95.60 for 20 dictionaries to use with her students. She has made a dictionary skills packet and her current dictionaries are in need of replacement. Mrs. Mitidieri said that she had funds for those.

V. Old Business

a. Literacy Week

Mrs. Mitidieri reported that we had a very active Literacy Week and the children had a great time. There was a guest author for the primary grades, and another author was skyped in for the third thru fifth grade students. We had a door decorating contest with the "Find Me in a Book" theme. The children also enjoyed eating popcorn while reading on our Stop, Pop, and Read day!

b. Second Quarter Torch Celebration

The primary grade Torch Leaders watched the movie, Cars III. Third through fifth grade Torch Leaders watched Despicable Me III. The children gathered in the cafeteria and sat on the floor while enjoying popcorn, water, and other treats.

The next Torch Party will be a Day in the Park. It will be on the March 19, 20, and 22, the week before Spring Break. Coach Heise will have a substitute teacher and he will get the supplies and games set up. It will be a teacher-led PE fun day.

c. Bingo for Books

Mrs. Mitidieri reported that it went well and everyone had a good time. PTO cooked hotdogs. This was a family involvement event, not a fund raising event and PTO broke even. There were lots of books donated. The remaining books will be donated to Webster and/or Southwoods. Mrs. Mitidieri said that for the next one she can order "Books by the Pound." Several members commented on how fun it was – and well organized.

d. Kindness Week

The Kindness Club Leaders decided have our school participate in a Kindness Week. There were a variety of activities planned.

e. i-Ready Test B Data

Mrs. Mitidieri shared information about the results and reported that all grade levels did well and were on target for meeting the school goals.

VI. PTO Agenda as reported by Mrs. Janssen:

a. Updates:

Slating Committee – They are in the process of establishing a Slating Committee to review applications for next year's PTO Board.

Grill cheese sandwiches and soup will be served to faculty and staff for teacher appreciation.

The Spring Fling is April 20th.

Daddy/Daughter Dance – Alice in Wonderland will be Friday, February 23, 2018.

b. Boosterthon

\$23,408 was pledged and 98% of that has been collected (the highest it's ever been).

VII. Questions/Concerns

A question was Mill Creek Elementary becoming a K-8 school. Lisa Bell, our District Partner, yes it will become K-8 school for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Next year it will be a K-6 school. At this time there are no zoning changes planned. The District will be adding a wing for the middle school students.

VX. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 6:00 in the Media Center.

IX. Adjournment

Elizabeth Janssen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chamane Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed. The meeting was adjourned a 7:20..

Attendance: Attendees are attached on a separate list.