

Forest Edge PTA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 18, 2017
7:00 PM

Call to Order – Karen Raffel

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Treasurer Updates–Shobha Subramanian

- **Treasurer Report** – Fundraisers are doing well. Passive incomes are not doing as well (dining for dollars, reward cards). We're making money – enough to spend on what we need to spend it on. Skate party went well. Callout to someone be the committee person for Skate party.

MOTION – approve November meeting minutes – submitted, approved, Passed

Correspondence – Mr. Anderson sent PTA a nice note to thank the PTA.

Committee Reports– Boosterthon was a success.

Karen brought up next year's board and a nominating committee. (Try to have 3 people.) Need a treasurer and head of the fundraiser board. We also need a person who counts and submits the box tops. (This can be done from home.)

Teacher/Admin Report – Leona Smith–Vance

- Community engagement meeting met today.
- Idea: Meet Me at the Store. Math in real world. Teachers stationed and you have a scavenger hunt and find out how math can be applied to the real world. Home Depot was excited to have this there.
- March Madness screening at school. Still need to work out the logistics. Dates are out and looking into the dates. Will have concessions. School has cable. Only make money from concessions. Will need staff presence there.
- Focusing on growth mindset – talk to your kids about what it means.
- Langston Hughes event at FE to talk about Middle School. Was a full house.

Reading Workshops/DRA – Andrea Carroll – new reading coach.

- Handout
- New way reading is structured. Focuses on strengths of individual. Teacher modeling strategies and students practice.
- DRA = Developmental Reading Assessment
- Questions: Is this new? We have additional resources to help this year.

Sent some teachers to a workshop to learn how to do this. Matches everyone's needs. Talk to your neighbor, etc. is a new strategy this year. Less busy work.

- Comment – 5th grader loves this and can't wait to read.
- Leona mentioned that the school always needs more books.
- How do kids pick out books in the classrooms? Teachers model how to pick a book. Books picked are at independent level, not instructional level. Andrea said they should be able to have a deeper understanding of the book.
- Kindergarten tests are 1 on 1. They take a test to see if they can decode before taking the DRA.

Questions & Comments from the Floor

- 6th grade basketball game between Lake Anne El and Forest Edge. Concessions, etc. At South Lakes this year early March. Staff plays each other, too. Mascots will be there. Girls game and boys game. 6th graders get a form to fill out if they want to play.
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Meeting Adjourned at 7:53

Next PTA meeting: