October 13, 2015

1. Call to order 8:40a
2. Approval of minutes. Motion to approve Michelle Campos. Second Gina Celentano
3. Principal’s Report
   1. Mr. Henzel greeted the PTO to the meeting.
   2. Expressed gratitude and excitement about the Table-to-Table fundraiser to feed the hungry in our community.
   3. Informed PTO that he was on twitter and can be found at Michael\_Henzel.
   4. Informed PTO that 13% of the school year is behind us.
4. Superintendent’s Report
   1. Formal welcome to the PTO
   2. Update with regards to the incoming Kindergarten transition, which has been an easy transition. The children are well adjusted and the traffic patterns are improved, as families are not crossing sides. Dr. Ben Dov talked about a long-term solution and explained that this will be a process that includes traffic studies and a community poll and several meetings and discussions.
   3. PARK testing- no results to date, but they are pending. Results will be shared once they are published. The results will be formatted differently and will create new baseline and standards. These results will be distributed to parents of the students who sat for the test and to those parents of children who opted out of the testing. The board will hold meetings to discuss what the results mean for the district.
   4. NJASK science test results for the 4th graders will be shared in a short presentation on October 21st.
   5. Dr. Ben Dov holds her 2nd cup of coffee every month alternating at each school.
   6. Post-dismissal academy is underway for language arts. This 6-week session will end in November and a 6-week Math program will be offered to those students who meet eligibility criteria.
   7. Questions about the differences in schedules with the elementary schools and River Dell were asked. Dr. Ben Dov explained that every effort is made to match the schedules and the snow days.
5. Co-President’s Report
   1. Committee positions open for 2016-2017: Plant sale, Carnival, International Day and Monster Mash
   2. Laptop gifts to teachers and lap top cases given to teachers
   3. Thank you to the Garden Committee- Wendy Bucceri and Eloise Tietjen for their amazing work on the fall flowers and decorations.
   4. PTO directories still for sale
6. Treasurer’s Report
   1. 2015-2016 Report was approved. PTO will sit with Mr. Henzel to discuss allocation of funds.
   2. Smart board for new music teacher
7. Committee Reports
   1. Lunches- running smoothly
   2. Monster Mash- set for October 30th
   3. Enrichment- authors set for March and June. Franklin Institute Hot and Cold assembly set for 2/Dec/2015. Looking into performance art show in February and BMX in June. Danielle Schillen to look into Spotlight Korea for International Day
   4. Tricky Tray- updated by Joan Kristen. Date set 12/May/2016. Baskets can be dropped to school or 930 Summit Ave.
8. Current Fundraisers
   1. Kid’s Stuff
   2. Box Tops- due end of October. Randi Martin to look into purchasing a trophy for the school to give to the class that collects the most amount of box tops each month.
   3. Spirit Wear
9. Old Business
   1. Water Bottle filling station- still under consideration
   2. BTS night/RE day successful. Nice to be cohesive with CHS. Will continue working together to have the children have similar experiences.
10. New Business
    1. New reading incentive program
    2. Possible Thanksgiving charity event to be discussed with Mr. Henzel
11. Upcoming events
    1. Visitation day October 20th
    2. Monster Mash October 30th
12. Adjournment 9:30a.

Next Meeting November 18th at 7:00p