

PTA MEETING  
April 4, 2017 7:08 pm

Stacy Kahn called meeting 7:08 pm Stella Kostolampros second all in favor. Meeting started at 7:08 pm.

PRESIDENTS Reports- Stacy Kahn

Up coming events:

International Night- Jamie Becker Chairing event May 12th

Talent Show- for the older Grades

Bash- Jamie Becker chairing June 2 is the event

Treasurer Report:

Just filed taxes and are still working on the budget for next meeting.

Spoke with Mrs. O about the purchase of a cart or 2 of Chrome books. Mrs. O suggested that we hold off, because of budget talks. According to budget 2nd grade is due to get Chrome books. This way all grades would have Chrome books.

Stacy Kahn- Can you please tell me how the books are updated or are the original ones out dated. Mrs. O responds, that the books are updated every night.

Mrs. O- states that computer Labs are being phased and mobile computers are being phased in

Mrs. O report.

There will be police presence in the month April, in regards to pick up procedures, seat belts, car seats and cell phone usage.

Spring Break starts early because of Staff Development

Report Cards are coming home after Spring Break.

Also Park Assessment for the 3 ,4 and 5th graders. May 2-12. All grades will be tested at time.

Stacy Kahn Makes motion to approve By-Laws as presented to the board on March 7, 2017. Jamie Becker 2nd the motion. All in favor (15 members present). Motion passed.

Jamie Becker notes that we are in need for the following positions:

President - Stacy is the current president and will be available for shadowing.

Currently we have 3 VIP president positions 1: Jailu Zhang

2: Stella Sander

3: open

Secretary position: Stella Kostolampros

Treasure Position: Guocheng Jin

Shadow Treasure: Shelly Highland

Delegate 1: Sybil Gohari

Delegate2: Open

Mrs. Kanter - Speaks on How to talk to Kids about Death.

Discussion Points:

1. Our own feelings of grief; How comfortable are you about death? Have you experienced a loss before? Where are you in your own stages of grief? (Denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance)
2. Words that you can use to explain death; Died, Death, never coming back, forever and all living things die.
3. What is too much or too Little; words and Phrases not to use- he's gone, she passed on, she's asleep and won't wake up, the only people who die are old people, and giving to many details of the actual death.
4. Typical was that children process death--process by age; Preschool: magical thinking, temporary, reversible and deep sleep; Primary grades (K-2): death is still temporary, may believe the person can return, death can be conquered, and child may feel responsible; Upper Elementary- Middle School: everything that lives, dies; what does death look like?, death is permanent, happened to very old or sick people, begin to develop cognitive awareness fearful of physical causes of death. Middle School- High School: death is final and irreversible, happens to everyone, death is a distant reality, natural part of life, glorify a dead peer.
5. Books are helpful; When Dinosaur Die by Marc and Laurie Krausny Brown; Bardger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley; I Miss you By Pat Thomas; Gentle Willow by Joyce C. Phyllis The Tenth Good THing About Barney by Judith Vincent; and The Invisible String By Patrice Karst
6. Advice about attending funerals and memorials; Different opinions about this- some parent want their children to publicly pay their respects, some parents are not prepares, and some parents want their child to be at a memorial service rather than a funeral- For Children that attend, they should be with a parent.
7. After death-- how to help you child cope; Children may want to journal about their feelings or talk with someone about their grief. Children can create a "memory box" with pictures, writings,poems, ect... Consider marking the anniversary of the death in a meaningful way.

Shows a video of Sesame Street of Death.

Stella Kostolampros makes a motion to pass meeting minutes from March meeting. Stacy Kahn seconds. Motion Passed.

Meeting motioned to end by President at 8:19 pm  
Motioned seconded and passed.