

**PTO Meeting 10-4-16**  
**Tuesday 8:15 am**

**MOE Hickey**

- Focusing on properly funding our schools in Utah. 55th in funding in the nation. WE are falling further behind. 450 behind idaho (49th). Shortfall in ut or teachers. Equalization state taking funds from PC and putting into other parts of the state. PC contributes 19 other districts 100%- 2M. PC is slightly below funding per student. Concentrate on PC being funded properly. Paying less now for education than in 2012. Funded by 2nd home owners. We won't be getting help from the state. Parley's feeling pressure form growth. 200 new students in the distict this year. Capital needs needs. Leaning towards Prek-6 in elementary.

Bond - Capital raised locally. Other highschoools refusing to play at PC bc the gym is so old (1973) - parts of the high school need to be redone. Wants 16M to extracurricular. Run a bond that is academic only. 15% of parents voted for the bond. ONLY. Lower turnout in the 2 yr election. We have the resources if we put them in the right place. Park city should be putting the resources in their students. Added 12 new teachers this year.

Why don't we have the resources for our dyslexic children or reading programs?  
Different philosophy. Starts with the board. Financial strength.

**DAVID**

- Would like to see District employees in our building as well.  
-Feedback on Apex, after 2 years, sense is not the way we want to go. Looking at how we can do that a little better and ready to look at some other options.  
- Thoughts for next year. Hiring teachers that are well trained and getting a great core in our building. Teachers wanting to get better and start looking for teachers a year or two ahead of time. Love the international teachers and that our children get to hear the different accents from many countries.  
-District shortfalls. Allowing principals more autonomy and then holding them accountable for their decisions. Each school needs their own process with their own budget. Hired as many aides as last year plus one. Floating aide to help with subbing.

**APEX**

- Do not like prize driven fundraiser or a corporate run event.  
- Annie and Amanda are co-chairing our first annual parent run fall run next year.

**Teacher Meals**

-Working well, a few holes

**Flashing Lights**

-Installed but the lights aren't bright

**Stem kits**

-in the classrooms and some teachers are starting to use them  
-not enough funds to hire a teacher but maybe not needing that  
-would like all students to be excited about science

### **Apex funds**

- 33,500 so far
  - 10% to teachers: \$3,350
  - 5000 to teacher mini grants
    - Drum bus, scholarships, science assemblies
  - \$25,150 left for PTO initiatives.
    - Initial goal of \$50k for science instructor and iMacs

### **Fall Fun Festival**

-successful, raised no money, no volunteers needed but had so many LIA volunteers, \$4400 in revenue  
And gave away 47 wristbands.

### **Spelling BEE**

- 2nd-8th grade
- December 8th is the qualifier
- encourage your children to come whether they are good spellers or not
- need a few volunteers
- winner of 4-8th

### **Book Fair**

- still has a few volunteer spots open
- need help with with tear down on Friday at 1pm

### **Grant Committee -**

-Grant writing and brainstorming session on 10/10 at 3:15pm - 4pm.

### **Student Council**

- donate candy for spook alley
- celebrate halloween on Friday Oct 28th

### **Annie**

- Spanish starts on Nov 7th through May 3 times a week, looking for mandarin teachers,

### **PETRA Butler**

- Wants to change and see more emphasis on our academic achievement. Schools need to look at community partnership. Wants to address all home issues and build partnership with community. School safety needs to be improved. Believes in training and preparation. Fiscal responsibility. Reviewing programs and wants to make sure money is spent in the right place. Gone to every board meeting. Communication needs to be improved and board members attending meetings and providing transparency to community. Change the way decisions are made. Significant experience with children with substance abuse and mental health issues.

### **Kimberly EATS**

- 3 programs facilitating 18 new recipes twice a month and kids get to vote what recipes stay on the menu. Would like to build excitement. Cooking program here free for all after school students here this Friday. School garden needs someone to spearhead the project. Starting the tower garden. Running off volunteers. District try to remove 5 ingredients.

**Kimberly Cricthon- Survey**

- needs assessment survey to inform what to do moving forward with the apex fundraiser. Parents and teachers.

**Suzanne**

- what kind of PTO do we want to be. Program support? Fundraisers?