

PTC EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2024 @ 6:30PM

Attendees

- X Dr. Renee Mallot, Principal
- X Erin Shoemake, Teacher Rep
- X Nancy Erwin, Teacher Rep
- X Laurel Plewe, President
- X Mike Roe, Treasurer
- X Emily Orloff, VP Communications (not in attendance)
- X Rebecca Clark, VP Fundraising (co-seat)
- X Janelle Harris, VP Fundraising (co-seat)
- X Andi McKinney, Secretary
- X Shannon Alexander, 2024 - 2026 PTC President

Agenda Items

Teacher Report Out (Erin / Nancy)

- a. See summary below.

TK / K

- Our 3 Piggy Opera will be on Wednesday, April 24th at 10:30! We are finishing up learning all our letters and their sounds this month and will then review them for the remainder of the year. We have almost finished learning 20 sight words, 20 numbers and we are working on writing complete sentences.

Kindergarten

- We are working with nonfiction texts that correlate with our insect and animal units. The kids have learned about the life cycle of frogs and each student had the chance to observe real tadpoles and frogs in the classroom. We also have chicken eggs incubating in the classroom and have had lessons about chickens from a local family in 4H. They even brought real roosters to school for the kids to learn about up close! This week, we will continue on with our insect unit and look forward to getting our classroom caterpillars. We are looking forward to our field trip to MOSAC this Thursday, 4/18.

1st Grade

- We went to Fog Willow Farms in Wilton last Thursday for our 2nd field trip of the year.

- We are beginning our rainforest unit. Students will do a rainforest animal project/report.
- The first grade teachers had their teacher experience last week (American Girl Tea Party in the garden).

2nd grade

- We are working on measurement and data collection in math, Investigating the Past (Benchmark) reading and writing, fossils and dinosaurs, plants and pollinators in science. We did lessons on the solar eclipse and learned how to watch it safely with pinhole viewers and eclipse glasses. It was very fun to watch!

3rd grade

- We are taking care of caterpillars that will turn into butterflies this month. We are working on poetry, learning how to write narratives and reviewing other forms of writing. In science we are learning about life and a more in depth understanding of life cycles. In history we are learning about our government. We are also preparing to take the state test for the first time at the end of this month!

4th grade

- Progress reports go home this Friday. Preparing for State testing at the end of April. Preparing our classrooms with activities and work done in class for open house.

5th grade

- Working on Measurement, Geometry, and Volume in math. State testing begins 4/29. Walk Through the American Revolution on 4/29 was a fun event. Project Lead is finishing up—field trip for Benso on May 2nd and Goertz/Brancoli on May 8 to the Placerville courthouse for a mock trial.

Library

- Thank you for the breakfast items for the International Women's day event, and for the Pizza parties, and Duct Tape for the words read challenge. The students read over 11 Million words in 2 weeks! We need volunteers for the May Book Fair. The book fair will run 5/1 - 5/9:) The Library will close after the book fair, so I can get all the Library Books returned, and get items closed out for the school year, and make plans for next school year.

Counselor

- Concluding this session of counseling small groups this week and in the next few weeks. There were more referrals this session than any other one, so I took a pause

on my monthly classroom visits to facilitate these groups. The small groups address different life skills, but the 3 topics addressed this time around were: social skills, anxiety management and self-regulation. I am getting excited to get back to classroom visits in May, where my plan is to discuss the Zones of Regulation with all classes. Peace Patrol students have been doing great helping our younger grades with conflict management during recess times, as well as helping others who might need a friend to play with. Thank you to all of the parents who have donated to the Wellness Center and/or purchased items from the Amazon wishlist!

Garden

- We are preparing to transplant 300 tomato and bell pepper starters into small pots to sell at Open House on 5/15! Please note that the Garden will be open during Open House for students to bring their families to tour and show off all their work! Garden art as well. If PTC can help us get the word out that would be great.
- Salvador our Behavioral Aide has been helping us plant 50 grape vines that he donated to us from his property! Thank you Salvador! Students are learning all about edible grapes and caring for them.
- Come check out our remodeled Garden Room in F-1!! Many students come in to regulate and relax. We created a relaxing sitting corner with calming music. Quote from a first grader after having a difficult morning. "I feel calm in here."

LIP

- We continue to innovate for first grade, making up games and activities to increase sight word and phonics skills. Come see our word chain octopus or direct to draw with rhyme dogs! We increased the level of difficulty from the read naturally program in grades 2-5.

Math Intervention

- This month first grade group students are continuing to work on number recognition, writing to 120, and addition and subtraction fact fluency. We are playing a variety of math games to master facts in a fun and engaging way. In second grade we are reviewing 3-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping. As well as starting work with math standards in measurement and data. This month our daily warm-up starts with a prompt of "What Do You Notice?" to encourage math talk and the power of observation in math.

RSP: Very appreciative of the reading materials we were able to buy last year with PTO support and are using them regularly and seeing good results.

Art Specialist

- Students have been learning about sculpture, texture and negative/positive space. It's so fun to see how they think and what they create. Majority of the projects this month have been very open ended leaving each one unique! 5th graders have made paper maché bowls that will soon be painted, we will also begin to prepare Art

portfolios and sort through all of the projects we have made this year. Open house will be amazing with everything to see! Art will be displayed in the gym and the art room will be open for visitors

Science

- 4th grade is studying earthquake engineering and 5th is studying the water cycle. The science fair is on 4/22.

Physical Education

- McG PE just finished up a basketball unit. 5th graders are starting Fitnessgram testing this month. Fastest class challenge starts week of 4/15.