

# PTO Meeting Minutes

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## **Principals Report by: Mr. Peterson**

- Mrs. Rich has been away on personal business as well as attending a job fair in Seattle and will return the end of this week.
- Talent show was amazing and the kids worked really hard preparing for it.
- Thank you to PTO for providing pumpkin pie in such a festive way. Mom's were in Indian head pieces and pilgrims hats serving pumpkin pie to children and staff.
- Please continue to check schoology for updates on school closures and early release during inclement weather.
- There are two opportunities for students to aide others in having a merrier Christmas this year. One is the can food drive which also accepts non perishable items as well. Our goal is to get 1500 cans of food and so far there is less then 100. Please help us contribute to a worthy cause. All the food collected will be donated to a food bank located next to our Seoul Campus. The bins are located in the main lobby of the ES and will be picked up by December 17. The second opportunity to give to an Orphanage in Suwon by donating money for ornaments to place on the KIS Giving tree. Each ornament is 20,000KRW and 100% of proceeds will go to the Orphanage in Suwon. They also are in need of diapers medium sized to large.

## **Financial Report by: Ellen PTO Treasurer**

### **Student council presentation by: Elizabeth Dizenzo and Megan Godek**

- Student council is divided into two categories: Mrs. Dizenzo handles the Spirit Committee which helps to foster school wide spirit through Phoenix Friday's, pajama day, door decorating, and once a month spirit days.
- Megan Godek handles the other category which is the Service Committee. This committee is responsible for driving the food can collection and candy grams for Christmas.
- The candy grams can be purchased individually for 500 KRW or in bulk, 8,000 KRW for 20 grams. They will be available starting wednesday in Mrs. Godek's classroom ES107, before school each morning until the following Thursday before break. Students can fill out the grams and drop them in the dropbox next to Mrs. Godeks classroom. All grams will be delivered on Friday.

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- **Common Core Math Curriculum by: Mr. Hassler and Mrs. Osterhagen**
- Common Core is our standard, not the curriculum
- KIS adopted resource is envision, we then pull in other resources that staff write their units around and that is our curriculum
- Slides on percentage of KIS students who scored in the 90th percentile or higher for MAPS. **(Please see uploaded presentation)**
- Common core pushes students to conceptual understanding of mathematics at early stages teaching them to think mathematically. The focus then becomes more about understanding and not just rote memorization.
- What we learned in school were “procedures” but common core actually teaches the “why to those procedures so that students began to understand the reasons behind the math problems. This won't necessarily be apparent until students start getting into algebra and other higher math problems in middle school.
- some questions to use with students at home when they are struggling with math are: What method would you use to solve this problem? What is the problem asking you? Can you read it out loud to me? What information do you have?
- **Please refer to the presentation by Mr. Hassler posted online**
- **Summer Programs 2016 by: Mr. Majors**
- Enrollments are set to begin in January and more information will be emailed out closer to that date to let parents know when to register
- prices are to remain the same as last year
- The structure and focus will be similar to last year but there will be changes to keep it interesting for the kids
- When the website is updated you will be able to go on and get a general idea of what each session will have.
- Student to teacher ratios is as follows: In K-2, it is 1 teacher per 7 students and in grades 3 and up it is 1 to 10
- Please be advised that all summer programs are open to KIS students only
- Please email Mr. Majors if you have further questions
- **Closing**

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- please purchase gingerbread houses for sale through PTO for only 15,000 KRW
- Forms were sent home with your students and need to be returned with appropriate monies by December 10th.