

# Audubon PTO Monthly Meeting: January Minutes

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**Date:** January 8, 2024    **Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** @ School Library; 2020 W Carlisle Ave, Spokane, WA 99205

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**Meeting Started: 6:03**

**In Attendance: 9**

In person: Kristene Gillmer, Miriah Robinson, Dave Musser

Online: Dani DeJaegher, Michael Cruite, Michelle Zepeda, Anna Lauritzen, Josh Reynolds, Abbe Wade, Pastor Patrick Hamm

**MINUTES**

**Motion to Approve December 2023 Minutes:** K.Gillmer

**Seconded to Approve December 2023 Minutes:** D. Musser

**Minutes Pass Unanimously**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** (Kristene Gillmer):

Great day today! Kids were happy to be back, teachers happy to be back. Lots of stories to share. Wanted to let you know we are off to a great start

**BITE TO GO PROGRAM:**

Huge celebration- Give Back (formally Quarenteam folks), put together an online fundraiser to provide Bite-to-go bags for all of our students for the remainder of the year.

Normally sponsored by local groups, the school is typically able to provide support for 65 students. Last year Give back gave enough money to support 100 students. This year they wanted to support all the students. In about 5 hours they were able to fully fund the program for the rest of the year. So lovely to see the comments from people excited to support and to see how gracious the community is.

Now onto the logistics. Need to figure out storage, distribution and management. But so excited and so cool!

**SCHOOL SIP GOALS/DATA:**

**Attendance-** chronically absent students (out of 400): when students are absent from school 20% or more (appx. 2 days a month); at risk for not meeting grade level markers.

December: 38%; 32% is the district average

Goal: 30%

Our **In-school attendance committee** is working hard to reduce the number of absent kids. We recognize that language barriers can have an impact on student attendance.

Committee has decided to hold a family meeting for all the Marshallese families- invite them to the school to host a Q&A school, to share some of the things that are happening here at school and to give them a clear understanding. Food and child care are provided. All are welcome to make connections and share information. The idea is to start small as way to branch out and the beginnings of building a school where all have access to the information they need for family success.

**Lexia** (literacy platform) data usage 3.3 months growth through December; goal is 11 months at the end of the school year

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**Dream box** (math platform) data usage 3.3 months growth through December; goal is 9 months at the end of the school year

LAST year exceeded 9-month goal for literacy, and want to exceed that this year. The best school in the district was at 9 months growth. Definitely stretching with these goals, but feel confident that we will reach them with the help of the work that has been put into helping students.

Come and join **Koffee with Kristene**- THIS Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

**Snow** is coming- check school district website to make sure you know if school is closed or delayed.

## **President's Report** (Anna Lauritzen):

Calendar of events for 2024 has been finalized! The document will be shared with you via email and you can also pick up a copy from the office. This should give you a heads up about the upcoming events, some ideas about upcoming volunteer needs, and helping folks feel involved and engaged with the school

Monthly box top reminder! We will be getting a check from the program (\$100) so far. Please download the app and submit pictures of the receipt. Quick easy way to make money for the students in our school.

During the week of conferences, the Book Fair will be happening Jan 24-Jan 26<sup>th</sup> (in school on the 24<sup>th</sup> and then during conferences). Alongside that will be the pancake breakfast. Encourage you to participate before, after or in between conferences.

## **Treasurers Report: (Dave)**

Balance \$12,665.66

## **Action Items:**

No Action items this month

## **Event Reminders**

Koffee with Kristene- Wednesday January 10th @ 8:30

Teacher Conferences- January 25th and 26th

Scholastic Book Fair- January 24th-26th

Marshallese Family Night- January 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:00

Next PTO meeting: Monday Feb 5th @ 6:00pm