

Coffee With The Principal/HSA Meeting
October 6, 2016
8:40 AM, McCall School Library

Ms. Rock led the “Coffee with the Principal” and provided updates on school information. This is our last coffee with Ms. Rock. Ms. Asto provided information as well.

Electrical upgrades are all complete in the school. The fire tower will be worked on next month.

Title I funds (provided by the government): McCall received \$153,000. With that money, we got two lunchtime aides, summer reading books and a counselor.

Home & School President Laurel Landau then welcomed everybody and introduced the board. She explained that HSA is the key connection between students and parents with the teaching staff. HSA fills gaps through fundraising (to supplement things that the district cannot afford).

Bambi Yost and the students from Iowa State presented to the parents about the schoolyard project with the Big Sand Box. They are building upon the CDC Master plan created a few years ago to create a sustainable schoolyard. Today at 3:15 PM on the playground they will meet with parents and students and teachers to collect feedback on the plan. Children will be asked today what they would like to see in the playground. They will also circulate a Facebook survey. Bambi will be back in early November to meet with families and teachers for more feedback.

Treasurer Laura Sepe provided a report. We started the school year with approximately \$95,000 cash. Through Sep 30th we had collected \$33,000 toward our annual fundraising drive; the goal is \$60,000. The major purchases this year are Playworks and air conditioners, each of which costs approx. \$30,000. Air conditioners should be in by Spring 2017.

We discussed upcoming events. On October 26th we will have our annual adult dinner at Aqua (owners are McCall parents). October 13th is Picture Day; volunteers are welcome. Our Halloween Party will be on October 28th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the gym; volunteers are needed to help with setup, cleanup, and running stations, and we will also need donations of candy and snacks. The Halloween parade for Grades K through 2 will be on the same day. Tonight we will have a parent Farewell Party for Ms. Rock at Milkboy on 4th and South at 7 pm. Our Election Day Bake Sale is November 8th ; we will need bakers and volunteers to sell the items. We will also have a Movie Night on November 7th.

We discussed our ongoing fundraisers. Shoparoo is an app where you snap photos of grocery receipts and we get money. Please collect Box Tops and submit them to your child's teacher. We get 10 cents per Box Top and last year we earned over \$2500! We have monthly Dress Down Days and for \$1 your child may dress out of uniform and in the month's theme. This month's theme is Sports Teams. Also, make your Amazon purchases through Amazon Smile and we get a percent back.

Andrea Layden discussed the School Advisory Council (SAC).