

Sherri Ginger, President Cari Gettle, Vice President Bonnie Bloomquist, Treasurer

Teacher Chairpersons, Kathi Engelkes and Pam Shaver Angela Schoeneweiss, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 6:10

Secretary's Report: February 2015 minutes were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Tracy Ricks and seconded by Kathi Engelkes.

Treasurer's Report: As of March 9, 2015, the cash balance is 41,376.22.

Principal's Report: Mr. Mander - At-Risk Student Update: We currently have 6 possible retentions (6 kindergarten) for this school year. Our student at-risk team and classroom teachers have met with parents to discuss student progress. By the end of April, we will plan a recommendation for retention for children, if warranted.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – February 26: Teacher held conferences with parents that were considered at-risk academically or behaviors. On an average classroom teachers had 6 conferences from 4-7:30pm.

Retentions 2015-16: We currently have 6 possible retentions for this school year. Our student at-risk team and classroom teachers have met with parents to discuss student progress. By the end of April, we will plan a recommendation for retention for children, if warranted.

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February Information

2015-16 Grade Level / School Planning (Preschool – Grade 2) During the next couple of months, the staff and I will start the development of class lists and curriculum related discussions. The teachers will complete student information data forms that will be shared with next year's teacher. This assists next year's teacher with understanding the needs of his/her students in their class.

Simon Daily Attendance Percentage – February 2015

We are averaging 95% of students attending school daily. We will send “attendance watch letters” for next school year to parents during the month of April if their child has 10 or more absences.

<p>Dorothy Simon Elementary</p>
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2015-2016 Kindergarten Registration

As of Monday, March 9, we have a total of 46 students pre-enrolled including children from our prek and early childhood programs. This is 22 students less than last year at this time. Right now, the projection is 55 actual students by the end of this school year. This might be another low number of students in a class. We probably will be looking at 75 student in kindergarten by the end of July 2015.

2015-2016 Preschool Screening

March 2015

2015-16 Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment

Will you have a child that turns five years old on or before September 1, 2015? If the answer is yes, then they will be able to attend kindergarten starting next school year. Contact the Simon School office at 815.335.2318 to pre-enroll today.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Market Day Pickup 4:30	5	6 Report Cards go home	7
8 Daylight Savings Time – Spring Ahead	9 PTO Meeting 6pm	10	11 2015-16 PreK Screening / AR Prize Day / School Kit Orders Due	12 2015-16 PreK Screening 2015-16 Kids Club Registration	13 PTO Family Fun Night 6-8pm	14
15	16 First Grade Musical 6 & 7pm in Gym	17 2015-16 K Screening	18	19 Jump Rope for Heart Forms Due Tractor Day	20 SIP Day – No School	21
22	23 Spring Break – no school	24 Spring Break – no school	25 Spring Break – no school	26 Spring Break – no school	27 Spring Break – no school	28
29	30 School Resume	31	April 1	April 2	April 3 No School – Easter Holiday	

We will start preschool screening on Wednesday, March 11. We have a total of 18 appointments for screening. We will be informing parents of the screening results by mid-April.

Mr. Monohan- 5th grade Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, February 25. Congratulations to Max Monson, the winner of the grade level competition and Allyson Zimmerman, the runner-up. Max will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee to be held on Wednesday, March 25, at 6pm, at Harlem High School.

3rd-5th graders will began taking the PARCC test this morning. Because this testing is computer-based and every class will be taking a Reading and a Math test, testing will wrap up on Wednesday, April 1.

Kids Club 2015-2016 Registration Night will be Thursday, March 12 from 4pm-5:30pm at the Simon cafeteria. Those who register that afternoon will receive \$10 off their registration fee.

Third quarter grading period ends Friday, March 13, and report cards will be sent home on Thursday, March 19.

5 Essentials Survey Window has been extended through March 20. Educators and students across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey: Organizing Schools for Improvement. This survey was designed to provide a detailed portrait of the inner workings of a school from an organizational perspective.

This unique opportunity will allow teachers and parents in grades K-12 and students in grades 6-12 to provide feedback on the critical elements of school effectiveness. The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by the University of Chicago, on behalf of the Illinois School Board of Education. We encourage parents to complete the parent survey at <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois-pilot/>.

There is NO SCHOOL for students on Friday, March 20, due to a School Improvement Day, Monday, March 23-Friday, March 27, for Spring Break, and on Friday, April 3-Monday, April 6 due to the Easter holiday.

Spring Pictures are scheduled for Thursday, April 9.

Mark your calendars for McNair's upcoming Family Night on Thursday, April 16. Details will be sent out after spring break.

STAR Enterprise/Title One Support

STAR testing will take place again in late-April and reports will be sent home with final report cards. Teachers will once again have scheduled data conversations with our STAR representative in May. In addition, Mrs. Reesor will be meeting with parents during our upcoming Family Night for any parents wanting more information about the Title One program.

Monetary Requests: None at this time.

Fundraiser Reports: Market Day: Kristi Provi and Gail Starkey- Sold 109 pies for the month. In May, pizza and cookie dough will be available.

Box Tops: Ginnie Cunningham- had a lot of box tops come in. Thank you for sending them in. Mrs. Laney's class won pizza party. Doing one more round of collection in May.

Gold Canyon Candles: Angie Bucey- great turnout. Will be delivered ?

School Kits and Summer Workbooks: Rachel Ray- School Kits are due March 11th and Summer Workbooks are due March 13th.

Committee Reports: Wish List: Meeting next month on items.

Family Fun Night: Sherri Ginger- March 13th from 6-8 at McNair. Come dressed in green.

Basket Raffle: Cari Gettle- American Doll is getting shipped soon. May 13th is when it will be held.

Yearbook: Jamie Dimke and Abigail Gleason-Still in need of pictures and will be the last week to submit them on website. Yearbook pictures will be submitted to Interstate on March 27th.

Old Business: Open Officer Positions and Open Chair Positions for 2015-2016.

President – 2 year terms

Vice President – 1 year term

Teacher Chair/ Chairs

Basket Raffle Co-Chairs

Children's Bazaar Co-Chair- Like to split up with shopping and crafting.

Head Building Parents- Simon and McNair

Hot Lunch Coordinator- Simon

New Business and Ideas: Fall fundraiser- signed with Market Day. Kick off will be September 3rd in both schools.

Puppet Show: Addresses anti-bullying and kindness. More information to come.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42.

Respectfully, submitted, Angela Schoeneweiss