

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date and time: Oct 14, 2014/ 7pm

Location: Sand Lake Elementary

Participants:

L. Behlke; N. Bennett; R. Kimura; B. Locke; K. Combs; C. Smith; T. Moore;
N. McCullough; M. Imai; C. Opitz; J. O'Neal; M. ORourke; K. Loer; C. Austin;
T. Plumhoff; M. Gregory; C. Morris; K. Dennison; S. Crosson

The meeting started at 7:00 pm

Teacher's Report:

--Imai Sensei: Adopt-a-student for Honors Japanese class. Students meet & are paired with Japanese native speakers 3 (three) hours per month outside of school & communicate with each other. Students also have to report about the activity. This is an ASD Honors approved program. Also includes opening & sayonara party. Interns are paired up with 2 (two) students to help them.

--14 students took AP Japanese test last year.

Principal's Report: None

President's Report: None

Approval of previous month's minutes (September 9, 2014):

No points to talk about. Minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report:

2014/15 budget was voted on & approved with a vote of the membership.

Family Fall Dinner: We did better this year, financially then 2013. --Argh: we ran out of cupcakes!!

Discussions:

High School: There was a discussion about students who are not in the Immersion program taking AP & Honors Japanese classes. We would like them to support TNK since they are benefitting from the interns & other things TNK support.

JLeap TA Program: Two-year Japanese TA. Shannon has asked the principals to apply for this program. It looks like we might be able to get one TA per school. A Japanese teacher from our program would have to go to L.A. during the summer for a training course.

Japanese Tea Room: Montgomery Dixon—A teacher in the Jet program who was swept away by the tsunami: UAA is working on building an authentic Japanese tea room that would be open to the community (with a tea master).

--Does TNK or Immersion families want to help support the tea room?

--It was agreed that we will get the word out to the TNK members to raise funds to donate toward the tea room. Also TNK will match up to \$400.

This was voted on & approved by the membership.

Meeting ended at 8:00pm

Minutes compiled by: Shannon Crosson (and Liz Behlke)