**School Update -** Mr. Ruiz:

* Snapshot number
  + Was last Thursday of October, 898 students, budget is fine because school placed money into a savings account in preparation for this number. Had to give back some money, ~190,000.
* Bond/building update
  + Bond and building update: looking at the aesthetics at this point. Color schemes, etc. We are where we are supposed to be as far as schedule. Actually ahead of schedule based on the original bond, which is tear down June 2016.
* Magnet tours/applications
  + Magnet tours every Thursday at 9. Process has started with Mr. Bounds. Just did first part of testing. Cogat was done this past Wednesday. Next step universal Iowa testing, just doing kinder and 5th and only certain subtests. Excludes kinder vanguard – they took it 2nd week of December.
* Cafeteria volunteers and Arabic/Farsi translators needed
  + We were able to get ONE volunteer for Arabic/Farsi translator! And cafeteria volunteers are always needed.
* Other school info

**Treasurer update – Mary Mathias**

* Budget Review
* Money Handling Procedures
* Teacher fund gifts – Writing Folders for Ms. Taylor’s class, jump ropes for Ms. Farley’s class
* Rock Solid Bullying Program with Ms. Washington– character building through rock climbing $895
  + Income planned was 28,600 and so far has raised 28,349
  + Budget is as of nov 5th
  + Haven't paid for Fall fundraiser invoice yet.
  + Expenses planned:
    - 720 author visit
    - 895 for rock solid wall climbing for anti bullying and character building.
    - iPads for the bilingual classrooms will buy as soon as we get quote ~15,000

**President Update – Lisa Fikes**

* Service project: Thanksgiving Food Drive – volunteers needed today and Monday 8 am – noon
* Communication Improvements:
  + Website – www.askewpto.weebly.com
  + 2015-16 Calendar – sent home in English and Spanish
  + Social Media – Twitter, Instagram and Facebook
  + Yahoo groups – any ideas for traditional classes?
  + Communication/volunteer improvement suggestions?
    - Text blasts?
    - App for phone with school info – Remind Me, Living Tree
    - Email –to be a successful school, we need volunteers
    - Gather emails from class Dojo accounts
* Open Positions:
  + Gently Read Book Fair – Sheryl Horton volunteered, Gently read is not scheduled yet. Suggestions is last week of school.
  + Carnival (if we cancel, we lose $3K from budget) - Carnival in conjunction with international festival. Still not getting volunteers. And will cancel our portion if we don't have volunteers. Same people over and over again.
  + Yearbook Photographer, (if we have a yearbook) Yearbooks for sale from last year because they didn't sale. $20 original price, now discounted.
  + Neighbor/carpool gifts (note: next year, include more streets because of construction and do it at beginning of year)
  + Reading Partners (30 minutes once a week)
  + Birthday Banner
* Marquee update
  + ~800 to get fixed. Plans to fix it due to marquee being around during construction.
* All-star Mentoring Program with Ms. Washington – 30 minutes, 3 times a year
  + Still taking volunteers, if anyone knows of someone please contact Ms. Washington
  + Has 10-12 volunteers already
  + Reading partners recommended 7 kids. 30 mins once a week. Should be one on one. Need more volunteers for the Reading Partners Program
* Sign Up Genius for unpurchased Wishing Tree items
  + Jen Major Volunteered to put items onto Sign Up Genius
* Teacher’s Favorite Things will be posted on website by Lisa
* Metro is doing a BBQ to raise funds that will come back to Askew.
* Getting thank you to crossing guards

**Membership Update – Stephanie**

**Fundraising update – Annamarie Omanga**

* T-shirts
* Spirit Nights – Los Tios 9/29, Chick-fil-A (we made $127), Double Dave’s (1/25), Buffalo Wild Wings (2/10), Menchies (5/11 after school)
* Fall Fundraiser – BIG thanks to Sabrina Nedwed & Jo Ann Maida – delivery was yesterday, contact EPI if you have any issues with your order
  + Profits are going to be a little bit lower. 11468. Getting 100 t shirts. Which will be given out at Christmas time along with a gift card to the staff. 15 days to resolve any order issues. Dec 4th.
* Bingo Night – BIG thanks for Jessica Lopez and Elizabeth Chandler
  + Idea to do silent auction online instead due to the participation being low even though there were amazing items available
* Shopping Rewards – volunteer to help set up the programs?
* Box Tops
  + Ms. Lucas’ class won the party
  + We made around $371.880
  + Start saving now for spring collection
  + Any one who wishes to help count and sort can contact to divvy up the envelopes to count for that collection weekend (they can work over that weekend from their home at their own pace.) Remember that each box top represents a dime for our school. Don't forget to label with the teachers name to get credit towards winning a class treat party.
* Art Fundraiser
  + Numbers decreasing for the past two years. Consider moving it closer to Mother’s Day for next year.
  + Maybe a communication error and parents not getting the information to order until the last minute
* Book Fair - $9800 in sales, made around $5000 in Scholastic Dollars
* Movin’ On
  + $800 dollars made for pumpkin dance
  + Jo Ann has pictures that she will send from Reptile participation and also for the pumpkin dance
* Volunteer participation going down every year, and Vanguard participation is dropping rapidly

**Volunteer update – Shiro**

* Positions still open
  + Yearbook Photographer
  + Gently Used Book Fair (used)
  + Carnival/Raffle/Silent Auction

**Corresponding Secretary update – Raye**

**Recording Secretary update – Shan**

**Other Business**

Representative from HISD’s HIPPY program, for 3 and 4 years old. Educate the parents on how to educate the kids. Teaches only the parents. She goes to the houses. Getting flyers out to the parents in Tuesday folders. Will ensure that the information is in English and Spanish. 6 other schools in area participate. Free, once a week. We should include info in eblast.

**Upcoming Events**:

11/25–27 No School/Thanksgiving

12/3 Yo Leonardo 6 pm

12/9 Choir Winter Performance – during school

12/16 Class Parties

12/17 Father/Daughter Dance 6-8 pm

12/18 $1 Free Dress

12/21-1/4 No School/Winter Holiday

1/14 3rd grade hosts Teacher Treats

1/25 Askew Spirit Night at Double Dave’s

1/27 Early Dismissal

1/29 PTO Meeting, $1 Free Dress