**School Update -** Ms. Cumby:

* Leader in Me mini-presentation

Leader in Me is an ongoing project
7 habits:
Be proactive
Begin with the end in mind
Put first things first
Think win-win
Seek first to understand
Synergize
Sharpen the saw
Each week they hone-in on one and also do character trait of the month
Next phase is Oct 24th-41 staff members "Creating Culture"
Kids are really starting to utilize and integrate this into their lives
Jen- will there be parent trainings?
Cumby- there is a leader in me coach that comes once a month. Washington brought it up and will look into it.

* School enrollment projections

Projection 929 and we are under and at 882
47 x 3500 is amount we will pay back to the district
Class sizes are reasonable. 2nd grade is the highest 23/class
Classes are manageable
Set aside money knowing he projection by HISD was too high. So nothing will suffer. Nothing instructionally will change. Due to the many titles of the school, was able to pull from a bigger budget.

* Maternity Leave

Maternity Leave: oct 16th. Don't know when she will be back
Plan is to return end of Jan first week of Feb. will take full 12 weeks maternity leave
Mr. Ruiz is the administrator in charge.
Mrs. Cumby will still come to meetings once cleared by doctors.

* Bond/building update
Jen- based on community feedback there was concern about placement of cafeteria and service area, the decision was made to flip the cord. Next meeting is next week
* Magnet tours/applications

Recruitment season started with information meeting. 100 families showed up.
Official tours started last October 8th at 9am, a couple of afternoon times
Northwest mall event is in December this year on a Saturday
5 families at unofficial
7 and 3 families at official and they were all 3 years old.
16 applications so far
Bounds available to assist with online process for 5th graders
Families rank their preference
Wherever you get accepted all the others are dropped off

* Other school info

Extra bond money distribution to be voted on, contact board if can to encourage them to vote yes so Askew receives $. HISD has a $3.2 million surplus.

**Treasurer update – Mary Mathias**

* Budget Review (attchment)
* Money Handling Procedures (all chairs who handle $ need to sign)
* Teacher fund gifts – we’ve given Spelling City, Lakeshore items for Ms. Tisdale & Interventionists, planning to give iPads to Bilingual classes
	+ Several more requests to be voted on

**President Update – Lisa Fikes**

* Fiesta Askew 10/10 from 11-2 – anyone want to set up & man a PTO table?
People really want a PTO table – volunteers?
Exec members Annamarie and Shiro 1-2
Stage will have performances.
Exhibits
Willman did boxes of native wear
DJ with music at the end
Courtyard will be food court, each grade has sides
* Service project: Need-based Drive – anyone want to spearhead? Help establish community of people to help in their native language, specifically Arabic/Farsi. Perhaps monthly drive to collect items for families in need (backpacks, clothes, unwrapped gifts, backpacks, etc).

Focusing on service
Great need for helping refugee population. Requesting if anyone knows anyone that speaks Farsi and Arabic.
Jen Major volunteered to spear-head collecting clothes and items will coordinate with ms Washington.
Ruiz needs people to donate pic dictionary in Arabic/Farsi and English

* Teacher Wishing tree
There are apples that didn't get picked off the tree
Put on sign up genius – Jen Major will create
* Communication Improvements:
	+ Website – www.askewpto.weebly.com, link from Askew website too
	+ 2015-16 Calendar – sent home in English and Spanish
	+ Social Media – Twitter, Instagram and Facebook
	+ Yahoo groups – any ideas for how to communicate easily with traditional classes?

Cumby- at end of the semester, send another updated calendar for spring
Almanac - asterisk for date changes
Put \*calendar updates can be found on website\*

* Open Positions: Talent Show, Gently Read Book Fair, Carnival, Yearbook PhotographerNeighbor/carpool gifts

Neighbor and carpool gifts, haven't gone out as we know. Mailboxes on neighborhood streets –suggetion was made to add Highgrove houses

* Marquee update

Marquee still broken. Quote is ~743.50
It is not under warranty.

* Living Garden – Valerie Breunig - on its way....the pond is working well, the fish are alive and swimming around, Mr. Wooten and I both have done quite a bit of cleaning up (he's done most of the work!), and as soon as it cools off in the next few weeks, some planting will begin. Many teachers and helpers like Mrs. Carrasco & Ms. Whitson take their kids out there either for an outdoor lesson or for some one on one talk/help.  Hoping to make it a bit more enjoyable for all!

**Membership Update – Stephanie**

* Skate Night
* Popsicle Party today, 2 pm
191 paid members
150 parents. Have any opportunity for teachers and at Fiesta Askew
Skate night:
Lower attendance maybe due to Friday night
5th grade Popsicle party reward today at 1:30

**Fundraising update – Annamarie Omanga**

* T-shirts

T shirts:
Selling. We are going to get xs

* Spirit Night – Los Tios 9/29, Chick-fil-A, Fuddruckers, Double Dave’s

Los Tios
10 less than last year.
Chick-fil-a  increase % of executive members show up
Can't show the flyers at chick fil a, even in parking lot
Wear askew paraphernalia at the events
Email flyers before and day of so people can print and bring
Check contract for if drive thru

* Fall Fundraiser – Sabrina Nedwed & Jo Ann Maida

Fall fundraiser:

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|  | **% Profit** | **Total Sales** | **Profit\*** |
| **School Sales** | 52% | $22,049.40 | $11,465.69 |
| **Online Sales** | 45% | $1,898.70 | $854.42 |
| **Total** |  | $23,948.10 | $12,320.10 |

Need parent help for :

\* Pumpkin dance – fundraiser rewards - whip cream pie in the face, selected kid put pie in face of administrator 10 kids bowers, Ruiz, coach
\* Distribution for supplies
\* Crocodile encounter show: Nov 5th for kids who sold 3+ items

* Bingo Night 11/13
	+ Here are the current donations we have, but we are hoping for more (esp bigger items) to either make a basket or use for silent auction
		- El Tiempo
		- Tiff's Treats
		- 20-30 Chick-fil -a kid meal certificates
		- 50 Cici kids meals
		- 2 electronic toothbrushes
		- 2 hour bowling for 10  guests at Bowlmar
		- books from Blue Willow
		- Texas themed basket from Whole Foods
		- 20-30 free burrito coupons from Freebirds
		- 2 pair of earrings from Kenda Scott
		- 1 week camp certificate at Quillian Center
		- five 1 hour jump passes at Sky High
		- Jump passes at Monkey Joes
		- Jump passes at Sky Zone
		- Family 4 pack at Laser Quest
* Outstanding Issues that we NEED help:
	+ Letter from teachers asking for donations from parents to create baskets to be sent home
	+ Teacher participation with silent auction (letter was sent to teachers last week)
	+ Help creating marketing material for bingo night to be placed around school (Annamarie is working on this)
	+ Volunteers, volunteers – both to do activities with kids and help during the event
	+ Can we get Ms. Cumby to do a phone tree reminding parents to complete the pre-order form next week and the week of October 26th.  Deadline to preorder is October 30th.

Bingo is Nov 13th
serving chick-fil-a - encourage pre-orders
Chairs already have auction items trying to combine them.
Woud love more donations from the teachers
Need help creating marketing to go around the school
Need more volunteers
Include link in eblast and in yahoo groups – Sign Up Genuis for volunteers

* Shopping Rewards – volunteer to help set up the programs?
Amazon Smile you have to claim
* Box Tops
	+ Deadline is Oct 23rd to turn into me to count, bundle and submit.
	+ Also Leslie Dockins used to mail the box tops free from her work . If anyone has access to free shipping please collaborate with me. Otherwise I will submit receipts for mailing if not.
	+ 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 tops represents a dime for our school. Don't forget to label with the teachers name to get credit towards winning a class treat party .
	Anyone who wishes to count and sort. Each box top equals $.10 so it adds up
* Movin’ On
	+ made $491 with the first Free Dress day.  Woo-hoo!  Thank all who supported Free Dress.
	+ Remind them we have another Free Dress and Pumpkin Dance Oct. 30th.  Check their Tuesday folders starting Oct. 20th for the form. Volunteers needed. Email to volunteer. Fall fundraiser and PTO membership free dress dates pick any Friday that's not a movin on free dress
	Nov 5th for fall fundraiser
	Start advertising right after bingo

**Volunteer update – Shiro**

* Open Positions filled
	+ Bulletin Board and Teacher Lot Marquee– Briana Tatum

PTO has the last bulletin board before going out to the parking lot is PTO

* + Reading Partners and Living Garden - Alicia Richardson
* Positions still open
	+ Talent Show

Mrs. Ulhaque volunteered for talent show

* + Yearbook Photographer
	+ Gently Used Book Fair (used)
	Maybe have drop off boxes around neighborhood stores for used books collection
	+ Carnival/Raffle/Silent Auction

One chair for carnival, need one more co-chair

Odyssey of the Mind - need parent to head up team

**Corresponding Secretary update – Raye**

**Recording Secretary update – Shan**

**Other Business**

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