

**Cascade Ridge Elementary**  
**Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**4pm**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order:**

**Welcome: Introductions**

- School Administrator – Tia Kleinkopf (Principal)
- Staff Members – Donna Cleary, staff, Angela Ahlemeyer staff, Illene DeRemer (Primary rep) Demetra Trull (Intermediate Rep)
- Parent/Community Members – Matt Gehmen, Qibo Fan, Swati Jain
- PTSA Rep – Amy Hayes (EVP)

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Staff Report:**

- Illene- K-2

**Kindergarten**

We are doing Fountas & Pinnell testing on Monday. For connecting/integrating lessons we are studying the Rainforest habitat for Science and purposeful play. For Math we are on module 4 and study addition and subtraction during our number bond studies. Writing is our How-To unit and we are learning to write by showing the steps of a process. For social emotional learning, students are learning about how to invite others to play, learn to play fairly and handle being knocked down.

**First Grade:**

Reading: We are still working on building good reading habits and adding to phonics foundation, but we're heavily focused on comprehending the unique structure and purpose of non-fiction. We're studying how reading non-fiction is different than reading fiction by focusing on skills like identifying main idea and details as opposed to an emphasis on plot, characters, and setting.

Writing: We are in the midst of our non-fiction writing unit in which students are creating teaching books.

Math: We've started Module 3 which emphasizes measurement, ordering lengths, and the interpretation of visual data.

Science/social studies: We are exploring our world in Unit 2 of Social Studies and will soon be moving onto our science unit on motion and magnets.

**Second Grade:**

Reading:

- Fountas & Pinnell testing
- Continuing with Making Meaning Stories
- Reading Responses

Writing: Working on All About Books-Informational

Math:

- Finishing Module 5 with a test this week.
- We have been doing a lot of practice in problem solving.

2<sup>nd</sup> Step:

- Just finished lesson #18 Part 2 Solving problems

Social Studies:

- Continuing with Communities: Working in partners to create a store and sell 3 items totally \$27. Then ½ the class will be consumers and purchase pretend items from the stores and then they will switch. There will be a discussion on why some items sold and others didn't. Also, if they were selling goods or services.
- Demetra- 3-5

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade has been playing catch up after missing 4 days of school.** We are getting ready to start all new units.

- We just returned our rocks and minerals science kits to the district. The kids love this science unit because it is very hands-on and they get to conduct a lot of different experiments.
- In math we are starting to learn about fractions. It is our longest unit (and most difficult for students).
- In reading we are busy assessing students using the Fountas and Pinnell leveled reading tests. Once we complete the testing, we will be forming guided reading groups based on students' instructional levels. We will begin preparing for SBA testing by doing some on-line practice activities using Actively Learn, as well as doing lessons in class.
- In writing we are starting a new unit where students will be learning how to write opinion letter papers.
- In social studies we're about to start unit 2, Cultures of North America.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade is working hard to catch-up after the days missed for inclement weather.** It is great to be back to full days and full weeks of school.

- In math, we continue to flip our math classrooms, which means that the students watch a pre-recorded lesson at home in the evening, and then they rotate through 4 centers the following day, which include small group instruction, group work, Zearn practice, and problem solving. If they complete the four centers, they do math extension activities.
- In reading, we have completed our Extreme Weather unit of study. We are moving onto a fiction unit, and of course, continue our Making Meaning lessons, as well.
- In writing, students are working diligently on their informational books. We will begin preparing for SBA testing by doing the on-line practice activities, as well as doing lessons in class that will review different styles of test questions and vocabulary.
- We were forced to reschedule our field trip to the Pacific Science Center, due to snow, so have requested to reschedule after SBA testing.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade is recovering from being gone so long, trying to wrap up things we'd hoped would have already been wrapped up and moving on to new things.**

- In reading we've been working on reading two different perspectives on the same topic (argument) and debating. It goes along with our writing unit on argument writing. Fantasy unit coming up.
  - In writing we are in the middle of our argument writing unit.
  - In math we are in module 4 which is multiplying fractions. It's exciting and awesome. This is the longest module we've got...33 lessons!
  - In social studies we're about to start unit 2, The American Revolution.
  - In science we are trying to wrap up heredity and adaptation unit. Had a great lab with Kate Poaster a few weeks ago. Kate will be here to do a fossil lab. Kids are currently doing a "create a creature" with unique adaptations project.
  - Also, starting to get the ball rolling for Camp- Had 1st parent information meeting about camp.
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- Angela- EAs
  - Donna – Office Staff

**Principal's Report:** Tia Kleinkopf

**PTSA Report:** Amy Hayes

- Re-Cap of Eager Reader, Talent Show, Engineering Night, Spelling Bee
- Update on Upcoming Programs & Events
  - Bingo night is postponed, hoping to reschedule for May
  - Spelling Bee has rescheduled KG and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for March 6<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades for March 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Staff appreciation lunch will take place March 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Science Fair is coming up March 28<sup>th</sup>. The last date to order a display board is March 11<sup>th</sup> and the registration deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Festival of Cultures is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**New Business:**

- Community Questions

**Adjourn:** Next meeting May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019