

Shirley Hills PTA Meeting Notes January 25th, 2021

Welcome Besty Christian, Erica Navickas, Naomi Larsen, Karla Humbert, Scott Lhtoka, Scott Eidsness, Megan Cegla, Kari Martinson, Dana Barta, Kathleen Reffkin, Katie Christenson, Caroline Sutton, Melissa Vit, Ashley Schroeder

Approval of Minutes Megan & Kari

Share our Success

Kindergarten round up

1. Some new ways due to covid that worked really well and may incorporate in future!
2. Treasure Hunt was a success and the kids loved it. However maybe different prizes next year
3. K-Team is great. They all had their rooms decorated and made it a great experience for the kids
4. Some parents think the online registration took longer than the old paper way, however this is likely because they have to fill in and attach all documents in order to submit. When it was just paper, parents would bring in one document at a time.

School is back and going great!

End of year Holiday gift cards for teachers was a big success and the teachers loved it.

****Quick discussion on read-a-thon!**

1. 2/22-2/26
2. 2/1 the Pledge sheets will go out
3. Sent out for Mystery Readers already and have some signed up, just a few to go
4. Stick to original prize - lunch with Eidsness!
5. Set up paypal link for this and include with instructions
 - a. will allow cash and check payments as well

Principal Report

Happy to be back in school! Pennies for Patience - have already raised \$1400! Focus this year is on 10 local kids with cancer that we can help. Sending power packages out to them to encourage them on their journeys.

1. Week One of pennies for patients is about getting everyone's websites up and running and sending out to family and friends for donations
 - a. Kids get to dress up this week!
2. Week two is about getting the actual donations
 - a. Each person that donates gives the kids a ticket in a drawing. If the child's name is drawn, they get to help on morning announcements!
 - b. If you raise \$100 + you are invited to the spring camp out on the roof.

Teacher Report

Being back in school is going really well. Kids are exhausted by the end of the day! Kids are showing great adaptability. Ex: Generally Pennies for patients kick off with a big rally in the gym but due to covid this is not possible. So this year they did it via zoom and the kids still loved it and got jazzed up!

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COVID Vaccines Update

This past week the district was given 123 to give out. They are not sure how often they will be notified with more available to the staff.

The staff is being tested every two week as well.

Board Reports

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
 - \$267 from spirit wear donations
 - purchasing more headphones
 - looking at different options for next year that dont break as easily
 - also a huge increase (doubled) given out this year with all of the back and forth from in person to distant learning. over 200 have been handed out this year. Normally less than 100.
 - spiritwear - looking at taking the donation money and buying some t-shirts to have on hand for onsite purchasing. TBD

Chairperson Reports

Old Business

New Business

Drive Thru Carnival details and planning - **Saturday April 24th from 11am-3pm!**

**Teacher Experiences?

Humbert to ask teachers about this. THinking yes, this will still happen. The kids love this!

EX: 2nd grade teachers bring the winners to caribou for coffee and snack. Kids all get to chat and have special time with the teachers. Take photos, get to bring their drink back to school.

Fun experience for the kids!

EX 2: Eidsness is one students personal assistant for the day!

**Bidding Owl only - no display this year

**Small Group Meetings

Most have already started meeting. Need to start pushing to get things rolling for the carnival

Food:

1. Food Trucks: looking into as an option. Drive thru or get out of car? How would this work logistically?
 - a. Some people don't like food in their car
 - b. Getting out may cause too much congestion and inability to social distance
2. Could we sell out of the concession truck?
 - a. Walking tacos, hotdogs, burgers, snacks?
3. Provide an order form at the beginning of the drive thru?
4. We are able to cook onsite and provide the food, but we would need everything to be packaged up to hand out. Someone would also need to go to the food safety class.
5. Food committee has a lot of options to explore - they will let us know of the decision!
6. Back channel or other local places - sell vouchers at the carnival and up charge to make a little money but also promote local businesses?

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7. Kowalskis has a food truck with some great options that are packaged to be covid friendly. Looking into this as well.

Teacher Pet

1. Staff provides stuffed animals and runs this. Looking at options to make covid friendly this year.
 - a. explore idea of selling tickets and doing the drawing before the carnival in school
 - b. sell tickets at the carnival and pick up winnings the next week at school

Upcoming Events & Announcements

No School Days: February 15th/16th

Conferences Feb 16th & 18th

February Meeting 2/22

Spring Break: March 26, 29-31, April 1-2 (classes Resume April 5th)

Drive Thru Carnival - 4/24

Adjourn: Erica & Naomi