

Shirley Hills PTA Meeting Agenda December 13th, 2021

Welcome

Betsy Christian, Megan Cegla, Erica Navickas, Andrew Reinitz, Holly Staples, Cathleen Reffkin, Trisha Robinson, Lezley Chase, Katie Davis, Scott Lhotka, Scott Eidness, Kari Martinson

Approval of Minutes

Cathleen, Andrew

Special Guest: Katie Davis, Tech Specialist

Makerspace

1. Display in media center for us to view
2. Power point attached to update in email
3. Hands on learning – origami, card making, rainbow loom, weaving, etc.
4. Robotics and coding coming next!

Share our Success

Imagination Fair

- Went really well. About 30 kids participated. Kids seemed to enjoy it and did a great job. Mostly science-based projects. Judged on same criteria as previous years and had one judge. Past years we had a couple of judges – sometimes teachers will help judge. Kids were very passionate about what they did!
- Continue to judge it because it helps kids learn how to talk to people and have to explain it. Step outside their comfort zone a bit.
- In past years we have given out gift cards to the book fair instead of trophies and ribbons to keep the learning piece there. Kids motivations are all different so hard to be super clear on what would motivate them the most to participate.
- Brainstorm any new ideas for next year and keep notes on how it ran as this year was a shot in the dark without many notes this year.
- Timing right after thanksgiving may not have been the best. Discuss timing for next year. Get a month heads up, so does it really make a difference?

PTA stocked the lounge with food again – teachers were so excited about the refresh of snacks!

Principal Report

Had another session (Character Ed) on bullying prevention. Recognizing with bullying is and then learning how to report it once you recognize it. Stop, Walk and Talk is a big tool used. Get the entire grade level in for the session. Really try and tell them that they have the control – we can end this together. Point out that it is happening within the group of people in the room. 3rd or 4th graders really start to understand.

Lhotka Report

Kindergarten Round Up starts beginning on January. Treasure hunt around the school to show the areas of the school. Will give out balloons.

Pennies for patients starts in January as well.

Class pictures got done before the early release on Friday which was great. Everyone gets put in the yearbook even if they miss picture day. Class pictures – do we care if it is thumbnails of each individual photo or an actual group photo? People seem to prefer keeping the actual group photo.

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Teacher Report

Teachers loved the snacks in the lounge!! Lots of texts going around and everyone was so excited.

Getting ready for winter testing in January – FAST testing, fluency, reading levels, math fact fluency, etc.

Board Reports

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
 - Have spent \$230 on snacks so far for the teachers.
 - \$343 for spirit wear in November!

Chairperson Reports

Spiritwear in stock. Majority of ordered items are in office and then will be sent home to families.

Shanna Dykoff is chair of Pastries for Parents. It is January 14th. She will shop it all, budget of \$250 and teachers will cut and serve. She is interested in donating items to a local charity verses Ronald McDonald House this year. The majority voted in favor.

Police Officer Day: January 9th, Megan will get donuts to pass out to them.

New Business

Megan will purchase veggie straws to distribute to teachers for the upcoming holiday parties.

Carnival:

- Erica will once again chair the silent auction. We need to start working on these items and getting co-chairs for it. We are losing a few chairs next year, so this is extremely important. (games, raffles, prizes, silent auction)
- Betsy and Kari will send out an SUG to the current PTA members to sign up.

Yearbook update:

- Talked about the donating process of yearbooks that don't get purchased. All students will get one. Books are around \$11 but there is a standard \$5 "donation fee" to help cover those donated but PTA still spends around \$600 to purchase those that don't get purchased. Is this still something we want to do? Do we really want to share that knowledge with parents? Might be a good idea so that others are aware where the money is coming from. Betsy/Kari to push donating a yearbook and/or finding exact numbers and making others aware???
- Betsy will start art contest for the cover. Ashley Clemensen will judge this again and pick the winner.
- Enrollment numbers for purchasing purposes is 436.

Ice Skating Night:

- This is in March and it's typically the last night(s) before the ice is taken off in the spring. Cathleen Reffkin offered to call Bruce at Thayler arena to set this up again this year.

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

Winter Break 12/22-1/2

No School: 1/17 & 1/24

January PTA Meeting 1/31/22