

# Shirley Hills PTA Meeting Agenda February 22, 2021

**Welcome** Catherine Reffkin, Katie Christenson, Carline Suttle, Andrew Reinitz, Naomi, Stacy Breckheimer, Beth Shultz, Dayna, Caroline Terrio, Tirisha Dirks, Scott Lohtka, Kari Martinson, Megan Cegla, Elizabeth Christian, Tracy, Erica Navickas, Scott Edisness

**Approval of Minutes** Tirish, Caroline

## **Share our Success**

Conference Meals - Meal was very good! Scotty B's catered this time. Raised quite a bit more money. Currently \$800 in paypal (some may be from read a thon, but great success!)

Valentine Party - Snacks went over well. Got some thank you notes from some classes!

Bookfair - already seems to be going better than when it was only online!

## **Principal Report**

Thank you for the meal at conferences!

Over \$9200 raised with patients for pennies this year! 2nd highest we have ever raised. For every \$500 we raised we are sending a package to a kid who is battling with cancer - cards, video, t shirt, etc. - this is being sent soon! Kids are excited who qualified for the camp out, announcements, etc!

Back in the lunch room with dividers - the kids are really excited to be back in the round tables!

Kindergarteners had their 100 day celebration. Kids all dressed up old and had a blast!

Registration for 5th grade in backpacks and ready!

## **Teacher Report**

(Lohtka - on behalf of Humbert)

Valentines treat - thank you so much from staff and students!

Conference meal - staff really enjoyed it, thank you!

Conferences - it was really great to connect with families for conferences this year. Parents were very curious about how their kids are doing. Parents had a lot of relief that their kids are growing and staying on track even though everything! All around went really well!

## **Lohtka - COVID Report**

Not a lot of new information right now. Regulations continue to change and a lot for the better. Going back to tables in the lunchroom, students can now be 3 feet in the classrooms. Majority of the staff here has had their first vaccine! Really excited to get back to normal more and more!

## **Board Reports**

- President
  - Going to start getting really busy with Carnival - start thinking about anyone who wants to join the board and take over a position!
- Vice President - NOTHING
- Treasurer - NOTHING

## **Chairperson Reports**

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## Old Business

## New Business

### Read A Thon

Mystery readers were filled! All information has been sent out to families.  
Biggest snag was flip grid with the technical side, but got it worked out!  
Added a few extra slots on sign up genius for back up readers as well!

How will we give teachers the permission to access the videos on flip grid - Can we download them and add them to youtube? Talk to Jenny Naslund - maybe we can switch it to a school account? As long as the teacher login with the newer emails then access shouldnt be a problem.

Collect pledges on Friday - highest earner gets lunch with Eidsness and then the highest class gets a trophy.

Wait until Monday to collect final pledges - Tracy and Caroline

### Imagination Fair

Done through flip grid on your child's account. They can upload their video right on there. Open to all students! Log in and pick any category they want, and create a 2 minute video. Due date is March 8th. Information should be in the Friday News emails!

Other fundraising ideas - Davannis and House of Comedy

### Davannis:

We also do fundraisers where 20% of sales brought in from your organization go directly back to your PTA! Since Covid we have also included the purchase of gift cards and deliveries to our fundraiser options. You just have to choose a date and time and we will send you a pdf slip that people present or mention when they purchase the food/gift cards. It's an excellent way to support the school and the kids! Would you be interested in setting up a date or dates?

### House of Comedy:

The House of Comedy have been helping charities and Non Profit Organizations for 14 years through their FUNdraising evenings called Comedy for a Cause. It has been recognized as one of the easiest and most entertaining ways to host a fundraiser. Act quickly and secure a date for your organization.

How does it work?

- You pick a date.\*
- We supply the tickets.\*\*
- You sell the tickets amongst your organization, friends, family and colleagues.
- Show up the night of the event and Drink Dine Laugh.
- Deposit your earnings in your bank account.

\*Please note Comedy for a Cause events are held Sunday - Thursday. Limited Friday's throughout the year are available.

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**\*\*First 25 tickets are donated free to your organization. Additional tickets are on a 50/50 split of standard ticket price. Should your organization choose to sell for more - you keep the additional funds.**

## Updates on Carnival

Eidsness - ROUTE

Line up on Bartlett like the parade we had and wrap around. PD is good with it. Will build some wood ramps to jump the curve. Will have people directing.

No wine pull allowed on site.

**Games:** Some of them won't logistically work, so working on some ideas for new ideas! Pricing things out that each student has their own bag of items and nothing is shared. What to use to replace ping pong balls - washers, bean bags, etc.

They are a committee of two, so it has been hard to take it all on to create all new covid friendly games. Come up with new ideas and then ask for help - a lot of people out there available to help!

**Games and logistics need to plan a meeting together** - it is hard to not know what the other is planning in order to create a seamless event.

**Logistics:** Games played all within the car. Finale is to soak Eidsness - kids can get out of the car. Signup Genius for timing so not everyone comes at the same time.

Committees need to be planning their meetings and finding someone to take the lead!

**Raffles** - Katie Christenson - What do we want for the big prize?

1. Ideas: Ozmo gift set, wine of the month club, american girl gift, any other experiences?
2. Will it still be displayed at the carnival on the day of?
3. Game basket - games, gift cards to buy new games, etc.
4. Hilltop did more adult focused prizes

**Food:** Potentially have a flyer to hand out so that people go out to the community and get their food offsite.

Sell frozen pizzas? Heggies - come in with their truck? Logistically may be the easiest with this. Food trucks may cause over congregating on site.

Maybe sell cookie dough as well.

Sell smaller concessions like pop, water, snacks, treats to have on site as well

Culvers has a food trailer

Kona Ice - you can order ahead

Back Channel - doesn't want to do a coupon or anything with the carnival, but would be open to discussion on a wine pull in the future.

**GUEST SPEAKER: MJ PEARSON FROM RELATE COUNSELING (7:30PM)**

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Her 6th year working here as the mental health therapist.

650 Kids between 6 schools they serviced in 2020.

They get referrals from school social workers to see what kids may need the help.

It gives families the opportunity to get services who may not be able to get to a clinic for help.

Has her own space - is a play therapist. Watch how they play to learn about them.

Parent support as well - has been a lot more family stress now with covid as well.

A couple of resources:

- Will have openings this summer.

- Running parent support group Tuesdays at 3pm

- 0-3 year old parents support group Mondays at 2pm

- Mindful Kids Group - historically parents pay, but they may have a grant now to help support it

Therapy in the school - kids already feel safe and do not have to go to another location which can really help the kids open up. Kids feel safe.

Can teachers get the help? Would love to find a way to help teachers. Maybe some kind of webinar/group for the teachers. Self care type thing for teachers.

What is your schedule? Meet with all distant learners on Mondays, Wed/Thurs at Shirley Hills in person with students

Facebook Live on Relate Counseling Center - Tuesday at 6pm on Mind Body Connection with a yoga professional. Q&A

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Acknowledging staff when they leave. Put this on our to do list.

ADJOURN: Kari, Megan

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

March Meeting: 3/22

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

Drive Thru Carnival - 4/25