

Team Shirley Hills PTA Meeting Minutes

2/25/2019

6:30 pm Shirley Hills Media Center, childcare provided by Ms. Simmons

Attending: Megan Cegla, Tracy Hvezda-Lehtola, Karla Humbert, Dawn Davis, Andrew Reinitz, Lissa Thomas, Tirish Dirks, Elizabeth Christian, Scott Lhotka, Scott Eidsness

Approval of Minutes

Review of December minutes: Discussion of Mrs. Olaussen's request for art supplies. Mr. Halvarson's volunteer, Chuck, can make walkers out of PVC pipe to help students learning to skate (3 for \$100). Operetta sets being built by a volunteer. Reimburse for materials \$119.19, plus \$300 needed for canvas.

Katie moved to approve expenditures of \$300 to Mrs. Olaussen, \$100 to Mr. Halvarson, and \$119.19 plus \$300 to Operetta. Mrs. Humbert 2nd the motion, Approved.

Correction of January minutes: 4th grade concerts are happening as usual this year, however Mrs. Bray won't be doing the Variety Show and the 4th grade select choir this year. This is typical of Operetta years.

Katie moved to approve the minutes, Tracy 2nd the motion, Approved.

Share Our Success

Mr. Lhotka reported: Book fair went well, though not as successful as years past. Scholastic downgraded our fair 2 levels based on previous sales, less product to sell. Our fair had more evening hours and that may have contributed to Scholastic's decision to downgrade.

Valentines treats were well received. Conference buffet was appreciated. Sign up for volunteers filled up fast. Open chair spot for next year for someone to coordinate the buffet 2 times a year.

Principal's Report

Mr. Eidsness shared drawing of outdoor classroom space. Three learning areas (decomposition, erosion & geology) will tie in with naturalist's curriculum. Classroom design will also connect well with science curriculum. Teachers excited. \$33,000 bid from Superior - \$5,000 Lowes grant = \$28,000 funded by PTA.

District emails set up for PTA board members, passwords should not change. Board will no longer need to use personal email addresses for PTA business.

Mr. Lhotka reported on plans for 4th grade Youth Frontiers retreat May 3rd, 4th graders don't know about it yet (keep secret!). Will be at St. John's Church. Community-building activities before Wolf Ridge. Working on logistics, will meet with 4th grade team to plan. Will perhaps invite Wolf Ridge chaperones to be involved in retreat. If not chaperones, then will need approximately 15 volunteers to help.

Busses for Operetta – transportation between SH and PAC during school day, to get kids over for rehearsals, get cast over for the actual show, getting kid audience there and back, etc. \$700 expense. Discussion of how funds raised from Operetta ticket sales are used by Community Ed. How does SH benefit? Could some of those funds pay for busses? Keep dialog open until next meeting to decide on paying for the bus. Tirish will discuss the topic of sharing the costs with Joel at PAC.

PAC is planning to store the flats for future use.

Board Reports

Treasurer's report: Pastries for Parents expenditure \$102.94. Income from pre-Carnival ticket sales \$910. Income from pre-Carnival raffle ticket sales: \$862

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Vice President's report: Spirit Wear link sent out to incoming K parents. Online store will open 2/28 – 3/8. Discussion of revisiting the idea of building some inventory for onsite sales.

Carnival Update

Auction bids already at \$5000, \$10,000 is the goal. Second year using Bidding Owl, apparent people are getting used to this online format. Raffle buckets made by Katie so we don't have to borrow Hilltop's. Volunteer Signup Genius is in good shape, suggestion to reach out to wrestling cheerleaders and NHS. Plan to set up extra tables as a barrier to protect Operetta flats on gym stage during Carnival. Suggestion to look into using chalk for crazy hair next year to avoid aerosol spray. Plan to give more directions to volunteers running bouncy houses to manage the madness. Mr. Halvarson will be circulating in the gym during 1st shift. Mr. Lhotka will be circulating as well.

Readathon Update

Tracy is coordinating author visits with Nancy Carlson (April 9) and Erin Soderberg (April 10). Working with Excelsior Bay Books to procure copies of books for sale, creating order form. Tracy will meet with Mr. Lhotka about schedule details. Will get copies of books to teachers in the next two weeks to allow time to read aloud.

PTA Roles & Responsibilities

PTA officer openings will need to be filled by end of year. Email forthcoming with details of duties. Vote in April or May.

Katie moved to adjourn. Tirish 2nd the motion. Adjourned.