

Shirley Hills PTA Meeting Agenda April 25th, 2022

Welcome

Attendance: Betsy Christian, Kari Martinson, Erica Navickas, Andrew Reintz, Scott Eidsness, Holly Staples, Megan Cegla, Caroline Suttle

Approval of Minutes Kari & Andrew

Share our Success

Adventures in Art

- Went to all rooms except a couple 2nd grade and then 3rd grade didn't have time
- Went really well. Kids loved it.
- 4th graders did a frog and rest did a heart. Frog was a bit hard but they loved it.
- Can send materials home to classes who weren't able to participate as well or just give to 4th grade for the kids to use.
- Talked about the history of origami
- Timing was a lot with yearbook coming to an end and carnival, so maybe spread out a bit next year

Teacher Appreciation

- Teachers are still loving the snacks, and a few more days to come.
- Next week is actual teacher appreciation – we can do subway order forms for total of about 45 teachers and student teachers.
- Have leftovers to do a nacho bar too. Can have beverages and snacks out throughout the week as well.
 - Paras plan a meal for teachers as well, so they may be doing a taco bar
- Have a lot of money left in budget. Give some to Beth Hausladen as she uses her own money for snacks all the time.
- Teacher meeting this Wednesday – provide breakfast?

Spirit Wear Store

- Sold 95 items and will have the items in the next week or two.
- Wolf ridge sweatshirts are done

Carnival

- Games
 - Color changing cups were super popular. Face painting was a super success – could have used more volunteers for this. Glad we didn't have the crazy hair this year with fumes and such.
 - Wanted more games but we don't have the volunteers for it unfortunately. In years past we have asked Hilltop to come volunteer and then we help at their drive inn movie event so they can go attend with the families. We can push this more next year.
 - We need more volunteers – how to get to the older students to get them here to help.
 - Closed first aid/cub scouts room before 8pm because ran out of items.
 - Smaller solo cups needed for ping pong game to fit in the frame
 - Bucket toss needs to be fixed and updated
 - Bouncy house and course were great!
 - Thank you to all the teachers and staff who helped and let us use their rooms!
 - Holly Staples to take over the games next year!
 - Lucky Pond – people caught on to which ones were the winners so maybe convert to all the same ducks.

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- Had some kids unsupervised who went into teacher's rooms and destroyed things and drew on things. Need to make sure all doors are locked that aren't being used.
- Food
 - Super busy. Shorthanded – a few no shows. Kitchen help – supposed to have one at a time and ended up keeping two on and Kari had to help. Need a few people next year for in the kitchen. First volunteer in kitchen wasn't moving fast enough – need more help.
 - Hot dog area was by itself, need to get all food if possible, in one area.
 - Water/beverages blocked entrance
 - Sno Cone area/line blocked the floats and bake sale
 - Mini donut machine got stuck and a small fire
 - Nachos didn't do fabulous but sold 55
 - Had way too much popcorn
 - Mini donuts sell out but not worth buying a second batch
 - Next year make all of the cotton candy
 - Should we have people volunteer just for helping keep the cafeteria clean
 - Maybe even pay for custodian from 5-7pm in cafeteria
 - Not all food was being served on a plate, they were handing out pretzels with a napkin – need to use plates
- Prize Room
 - Was busy. Everyone navigated toward the small little prizes even if they had a bunch of tokens. Hottest item was whistles.
 - Games were harder than I thought – maybe more tokens given out or easier to win.
 - Some parents complained but kids didn't seem too upset.
 - Some of the games had been modified for the drive thru and need to be re thought for next year for in person again.
 - Raffle prizes were a huge hit – 1000 or more token in this.
 - Maybe a bigger focus on this
 - Have physical item for them to see because it is easier for the kids if they have a visual of what they would win
 - Food was a big hit – ring pops, oreos, gum, etc.
 - Short a person for the second shift and it was super busy at that time. Volunteers had signed up but they didn't show up.
- Silent Auction
 - Items to be extended at end of auction if bid on in the last minute, then it extends a few more minutes and this continues until the highest bidder – is this an option?
 - Buy now get rid of it or change the rules with it
 - Signage out with website in the silent auction room
 - System for handing out the items at the end
 - 70% of items weren't picked up
 - Need to hit the locals harder next year
 - Raised about \$3k more
 - Adjust dollar increments in bidding owl
 - \$10,798 was raised
- Raffle
 - WAC, Cash and Valleyfair were items
 - Generated \$5000

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- Pet Booth
 - Raised \$2500 and they loved it
 - Need to plan for a fun grand prize so it can be something bigger and better
 - Kindergarten is likely going to continue to run this unless 3rd grade wants it back
- PROFIT
 - Raised over \$30k and profit was over \$26k

Principal Report

Carnival was awesome!

MCA testing went well – prelim results are good – especially considering covid and distant learning – kids weren't all where they should be when they came in the beginning of the year, so that's great.

Lhotka Report

- In 4th grade today talked about cyber bullying. K – 3rd talking about how you can stand up more as a bystander to help stop bullying.
- It has been two months since covid letters had to go out, but had a few today.
- Wolf Ridge – has lifted all of their regulations! So no more mask mandate and can use the classrooms there, etc.

Teacher Report

- Good to be done with MCA testing. FAST testing coming up. Reading assessments and such have begun.
- Wolf Ridge Meetings have started every Friday with the kids to talk about expectations and answer questions, etc. They get to decorate their journals. They're getting excited!
- Enjoyed the Origami.
- Kindess Retreat went really well. Thank you to PTA for sponsoring.

Board Reports

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer

Chairperson Reports

Yearbook – is in the work. Will be doing a PDF proof with a few people. Teachers are getting more photos in now. Retakes are in now to add. Have sold enough books now to get the free books for the kids who didn't purchase.

Culvers – Check for \$1100 received.

Old Business

Remaining Events
Board Voting in May

New Business

Upcoming Events & Announcements

- EVEREVE 5/12

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- WAC FAMILY DAY 5/22
 - Send out in Friday News and ask for bounce house volunteers
- MAY MEETING 5/23
- NO SCHOOL 5/30 (Memorial Day)
- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 6/3

ADJOURN Andrew and Megan