

Shirley Hills PTA Meeting Agenda

10/28/2019

Present: Megan Cegla, Stacy Breckheimer, Carrie Ek, Karla Humbert, Jess Blemberg, Caroline Terrio, Erica Navickas, Tirisha Dirks, Wendy Brock, Nichole DeWeerd, Lindsey Eccles, Erin Seiler, Kari Martinson, Tracy Hvezda-Lehtola, Shari Tessier, Scott Eidsness, Molly Hagen, Katie Christenson, Lauren Noess, Tami Decker, Elizabeth Christian

Welcome

Approval of Minutes (Caroline moved, Stacy 2nd)

Share our Success

- Homecoming Parade
 - Successful! Kids had fun. Seemed like the right amount of candy, even though we always run out :) Drumline is really cute.
 - Nichole has seen other schools have an afterschool option of a cheer/dance squad specific to SH; bluetooth speakers for music
- Evereve Night
 - Really fun night. Next one will be May 21
- Field Trips
 - Kindergarten to Orchard-it was fun!
 - First grade-some kids though the puppets were silly
 - 3rd grade-orchestra hall/museum of art; it was reported that our group was the best they have ever had!!!
 - 4th grade-Mill City Museum; it was fun. The kids liked hearing that it had exploded and they got to see the ruins

Principal Report

- School Updates from Mr. Eidsness
 - Unity Day-conversation around bully prevention, Mr. Eidsness & Mr. Lhotka met with each grade to talk about bullying. The heart picture was lots of fun. Great week!
 - Professional Development during MEA focused on Restorative Practices: learning how to repair relationships between two people, recognize hurt, and listen to how the other person was impacted. Training focused on giving staff tools to do some of this work in brief meetings with kids.
 - Empathy Fatigue: Staff are receiving support from an outside therapist that used to be connected to SH. She is helping staff keep 'batteries charged'

Board Reports

- President
 - Still need volunteers to help with the carnival
 - Need volunteers to promote voting/early voting on the referendum
 - See Jess to sign up for both!
- Vice President
- Treasurer
 - Moved from WellsFargo to CorTrust bank
 - Headphones-we have extras available for kids that need them. We just purchased a new box.

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- We paid for postage for boxtops, and the check will be coming. They are going digital...maybe that will be easier. It might also help to have 'deadlines' to help people remember to turn them in. DOUBLE REWARDS right now...so clip and scan!

Teacher Representative Report

- The PD day to have a chance to focus on adult and kid mental health was wonderful.

Chairperson Reports

- Culver's Night
 - November 13, sign-up genius is out for volunteers
- Imagination Fair-update & date change
 - December 5, Karen will send info on Friday and posters will be up soon
 - Could still use a sidekick (Nichole volunteered)
 - What is it? It's like our version of a science fair, several categories to pick from, all ages are welcome to participate
- Parents Night Out Update
 - Talked to Back Channel, we can do it on a Monday or Tuesday, either open or closed to public, \$250 on drinks spent per hour min, they would maybe also have a food truck available, % of funds that would go back to us is still unknown (we think it's 10-15%)
 - Another local option could be Surfside
 - This will be in Spring
- Carnival chairs & sidekicks are still needed!
 - NEED silent auction ideas
 - Hilltop this year did some online items that were 'buy now'; seemed like there was mixed feelings about that
 - Alcohol in baskets is ok...we are just careful about how it's distributed to the 'winner'
 - We could use some people to take on baskets-planning and organizing, seems like more specific requests work better, use sign-up genius and include cash donation options
 - Could we organize by grade level rather than by classroom for basket building?
 - Megan will send a sign-up genius to the PTA members to assist with silent auction
 - Tracy needs a sidekick for carnival games
 - Should we go toward a token system to buy bigger prizes rather than oriental trading company little prizes?
 - Megan will reach out to Hilltop to see how many tokens they have had to purchase
 - We need a food chair and co-chair
- Yearbook
 - You can order any time!
 - Photos/volunteer photographers are welcome! Send photos to Tirish or to any of the teachers who can forward to Tirish
 - A new chair will be needed next year

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- Everyone gets a yearbook, so the fee for each book is slightly higher (\$5) to cover books for those who can't or don't purchase one

Old Business

New Business

- Halloween: Party, Parade, and Snack
 - Parade is at 3 not 2:15, any visitors should go to the gym
 - Snack will be popcorn
- 1st Day School Supplies
 - Feedback is positive from parents and teachers. Convenient, good participation.
 - Megan will sign up to use them again
- Carnival Raffle
 - What kinds of prizes are the kids into these days? Send ideas to Katie
 - Some ideas: game tickets, waterpark stay, etc
 - Past raffle items have been worth \$250-\$350 (we try to get better deals on it than that)
- Yes Westonka volunteers needed
 - Voting Nov 5th, contact Jess if you are willing to help hold signs and encourage voters

Upcoming Events & Announcements

10/31	Halloween Parade @ 2:15	TBD	Family Ice Skating Night
10/31	Classroom Halloween Parties	2/18	Book Fair
11/4	Book Fair	2/20	Teacher Conference Buffet/Potluck
11/6	Grade 4 Kindness Retreat	2/20	Book Fair
11/7	Teacher Conferences Buffet/Potluck	3/6	Winter Carnival
11/7	Book Fair	4/7	Readathon Author Visit (K & 1 st)
11/10	Family Roller Skating Night 5-7pm	4/8	Readathon Author Visit (2 nd -4 th)
11/13	Culver's Night	4/10	Readathon Mystery Readers
11/15	Grandfriends Day & Book Fair	4/17	Deadline to order yearbooks
12/5	NOTE DATE CHANGE-Imagination Fair	5/??	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
12/20	Winter Parties	5/22	Super Team Day & Book Fair
1/16	Pastries for Parents		