

# Team Shirley Hills PTA Meeting Minutes 9/24/2018

6:30 – 8:30 pm Shirley Hills Media Center, childcare provided by Ms. Simmons in room # 103

## **Welcome & Introductions** 20 in attendance

### **Approval of Minutes**

- 5/21/2018 Katie moved, Megan seconded, Approved

### **Share our Success**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies - Feedback included: "It was amazing", "Loved that it was name brand products", backpacks were also available. Parents expressed appreciation that all school shopping was complete with just a click of the button. Some markers missing from K box...In the future if we know which box was missing supplies, a correction can be made. Great customer service from company.
- Back to School BBQ 9/14/2018 – Turn out was good, though last year had higher attendance probably because pictures were done that same night. Leftover hotdogs & buns were donated to Westonka Food Shelf. The point was made that some people may have stayed away for fear of long lines like at picture day. Mr. E has an agreement from Lifetouch to have 3 cameras next year.

### **Special Guest Speaker**

- Ryan Fox: Superior Lawn & Landscape is a community business that operates out of Waconia with a Garden Center in St Boni. Ryan is a MN state naturalist, teaches nature classes at Lowry Nature Center, has learned from and works with Christina. Ryan presented a conceptual design for our outdoor classroom including ideas for paver surface learning area, flagstone walkways, stations for pollinators, prairie grasses, erosion table, geology, raised bed garden, etc. Some stations will be flexible so can transition to other curriculum areas. Will extend beyond current border, doubling the space. Chainsaw cut high back stump stools treated with linseed oil. The space will be used in all seasons. Compost area and water collection area can be incorporated into design. Lowes has donated \$5000 of material. What we can do will depend on our budget. Superior could do maintenance and upkeep if we want or we could create a PTA volunteer maintenance group.
- Next Steps: Ryan will meet with Christina next week, then begin design. Ryan will work with Christina and teachers to make sure design supports curriculum. Work through winter on design phase. As soon as spring comes installation begins. Ready to go for 2019-2020 school year. Final design will include a comprehensive maintenance plan.

### **Principal Report**

- School Updates (Scott Eidsness) – Jean Skoro memorial garden presentation during BBQ was well-attended. Bench will be installed soon. School year off to great start. 30-minute morning meeting every day to connect with social-emotional learning and implement Second Step character development. Unit on respect. All students with teacher before heading off to various individualized learning programs, ADSIS, Title, GATES, etc.

### **Board Reports**

Co-Presidents (Katie Christenson & Tirish Dirks)

- Contact Katie if you have ideas for guest speakers at future PTA meetings.
- Chair Persons & Side Kicks needed – Side Kicks are helpers for the Chairs and have a chance to learn what's involved in chairing part of the carnival planning. Various Carnival Side Kicks needed, Pastries for Parents chair. Tirish passed around sign up sheet.

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- WAC & WPAC grand opening celebrations and the new Westonka Community Theatre – Sat sept 29 1-4pm grand opening. Westonka Community Theater announcing 1<sup>st</sup> show during grand opening. Contact Tirish if you have questions about theater committee.

Vice President (Andrew Reinitz)

- Spirit Wear sales update – Raised a little over \$700 with this 1<sup>st</sup> order online. Plus about \$700 during open house. Sales will be open again around Christmastime. Will be looking for Side Kick for next year to work with Andrew on Spirit Wear.

Treasurer (Megan Cegla)

- Review Financial Report – Thank you to those who paid membership dues. There were several who donated above and beyond their dues. \$806.14 income from Color Run. \$229.95 paid for headphone replacements in case students' break. Media Center is restocked with 100 headphones. Expenses for BBQ and Homecoming included in Megan's report.

## Chairperson Reports

- Homecoming (9/28 4:15-5:45 pm) – wear your spirit wear or anything red & black, meet at Hilltop parking lot at 4:15pm, will walk down Commerce toward HS with marching band. Will throw candy, have pompoms to shake and fun instruments. Parents encouraged to walk with their kids. Please make sure your kid knows where to find you after parade. Student senate organizing parade, more info details coming. Pompoms and instruments will be collected after parade
- Fall Book Fair – Will coincide with Grandfriends Day and Fall Conferences. Watch for sign up genius for volunteers needed for book fair.
- Halloween – school-wide parade, parents can sit in gym and watch, more details coming

## Other Business

- Imagination Fair is early this year on Thurs. Nov. 15. Open to all ages. Takes place in gym. Science and other categories. Kids give presentation to judges but it's not scary.
- Yearbook orders can be placed any time through the year, but order by Sept 30<sup>th</sup> to receive 15%. Two custom pages can be done anytime until end of March

**Next Meeting:** Monday, Oct. 22, 6:30pm @ SH Media Center

**Meeting Adjourned** 7:54 pm

## 2018-2019 PTA Sponsored Events & Announcements

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| • 9/14  | Welcome Back Potluck              | • 1/17  | Pastries for Parents                      |
| • 9/28  | Homecoming Parade                 | • 02/19 | Book Fair (Day Conferences)               |
| • 10/31 | Halloween Parties                 | • 02/21 | Teacher Conference Buffet/Potluck         |
| • 11/02 | Grandfriends' Day                 | • 02/21 | Book Fair (Night Conferences)             |
| • 11/02 | Book Fair (Grandfriends Day)      | • 02/26 | Book Fair (Night Conferences)             |
| • 11/04 | Family Roller skating Night       | • 03/01 | Winter Carnival                           |
| • 11/05 | Book Fair (Day Conferences)       | • 03/11 | Family Ice Skating Night                  |
| • 11/07 | Culvers Night                     | • 03/?? | Culver's Night                            |
| • 11/08 | Teacher Conference Buffet/Potluck | • 04/09 | Readathon Author (K & 1st)                |
| • 11/08 | Book Fair (Night Conferences)     | • 04/10 | Readathon Author (2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4th)  |
| • 11/13 | Book Fair (Night Conferences)     | • 04/12 | Readathon Mystery Readers                 |
| • 11/15 | Imagination Fair                  | • 05/?? | Al & Almas Teacher Appreciation Breakfast |
| • 12/21 | Winter Parties                    | • 05/24 | Super Team Day & Book Fair                |