Shirley Hills PTA Meeting Minutes- October 25, 2021

**Welcome:** Betsy**,** Megan**,** Kari**,** Andrew**,** Cathleen Reffkin**,** Mr. Eidesness**,** Kristine Aspelund**,** Leslie Chase**,** Trisha Robinson**,** Kathryn Davis**,** Mr. Lotka**,** Robbie Deming

**Approval of Minutes**- Andrew, Megan 2nd

**Share our Successes**

Field Trips: Kindergarten went to Luce Line Apple Orchard on Tuesday the 19th of October. Corn Maze was Awesome! Beautiful Weather! They also went to the Fire Station.

Unity Day- Kids and staff wore orange all day, Tuesday the 19th. Took outside aerial photo again.

**Principal Report:** Everyone is doing well and adjusting to our routine. Even after MEA break the kids and teachers came back with enthusiasm, and they remembered school rules and routines. The month went fast.

MEA- Lakeshore Family Therapy comes in to support the staff. How to work with trauma. How to battle empathy and fatigue. What are signs of burnout/how do you catch it to stay healthy and ready to support ourselves and the kids. It’s a “cycle” and affects everyone. There are resources for the staff to use online for continuing education credits. They should do 1-2 hours of CEC.

**Teacher Report:** Getting ready for conferences and Halloween. Looking for donations for Kindness Retreat (Youth Frontier) for 4th grade. It has been funded by the PTA in the past. The high school typically provides volunteers and the kids look forward to that. It is held at St. John’s church across the street.

**Lhokta:** Character Ed will occur in November- Bullying and ?? Enjoying and learning how to be back together. He began small “mindfulness” groups 2 weeks ago which is sooner than usual.

Culver’s—We prefer to do the one night vs the week long deal. If this doesn’t happen this fall, what can we do to supplement? Another restaurant?

**Board Reports**

* President- No
* VP- Culver’s Update
* Treasurer -Reviewed budget for the year

**Chairperson Reports:**

Andrew- Planning to open up the store for a couple weeks starting on Monday. The window to order will close right before Thanksgiving. Hoping to get new items, winter items. Stock is an issue right now so it’s hard to provide a wide variety of new items without running out. He had T-shirts today so those that were here picked theirs up.

Staff Appreciation Conference Meal- Staff prefers Thursday night. Andrew is checking into Subway meals again this year.

\*\*Will need to create a SUG for the 11th for parents to donate money for the meal for teachers.

Childcare Needed for the hours of conferences- provided by Nikki Oetgen, who also provides PTA meeting care. We pay her $50 for each PTA meeting (1-2 hours) She will have Emily, her 5th grader help. PTA would like to offer the childcare 12- 8 and 4-8.

**Old Business:**

* Calendars: $500 short or 30 more calendars to make it even. Create a SUG for Conferences to sell them. Set up a table right outside of the book fair for Monday/Thursday. Improvements/Ideas on how to prep for next year?
	+ Have Mrs. Clemensen or other teachers take pictures throughout the year?
	+ Can we put it up on the Spiritwear Site? Andrew will check with Kay but prob not.
	+ Can we create a committee for next year? Seasons match with the art per month?
* Book Fair needs volunteers. We need to make a SUG for volunteers. \*\*Wolf Ridge Hours\*\*
	+ Ask Mrs. Tice about her parent volunteers to start.
	+ Katie Davis would like volunteers to help set up/tear down for the book fair as well. Delivery would happen sometime between 1st and 4th of November.

**New Business:**

Imagination Fair: Trisha Robinson will be the new chair. We still need a co-chair. Typically it happens on Thursday. Kids view on Friday. 2nd/3rd December. Send out flyer by conferences.

Halloween Party- Will provide popcorn. Betsy will be picking it up- 427 kids

Maker Space: Katie applied for the grant and it was approved for $1200. Wants to purchase a case of 12 Sphero “Robots/BOLT” for K-4 to use. Uses coding/promotes STEM. A case of these costs $3200. PTA voted and approved donation of $2000 to the kit purchase.

Girls on the Run: We voted to match $100 donation from Hilltop for their end of season run party. 19/20 kids participating in program are from Shirley Hills.

Carnival: Hoping to be back to normal/inside. Voted on Friday April 22nd as final date. Megan will double check the calendar with Karen to make sure there are no interferences.

**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

Halloween Classroom Party 10/29

No School 11/08, 11/25-26

Conferences 11/08 and 11/11

November PTA Meeting 11/22

**Close the minutes:** Cathleen, Lhotka- second