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Shady Grove Elementary PTA Board Meeting
February 15, 2018
Sixth Meeting of 2017-2018 School Year

Present: Katherine King, Iryna Dolynuk, Natalie Nelson, Dr. Stacey Austin, Vickie Svoboda, Chrissy Price, Meghan Gemmill, Maryanne Purcell, Joanne Rosel, Erin Reed, Cheryl Bloor, Lara Macdonald, Crystan Schneider, Britta Quick, Ms. Debbie Taylor

Absent: Amy Jessup, Sejla Hoareau, Brigitte Sicut, Sarah Fox, Renee Kreiser, Smitha Murthy, Radha Joshi, Ann Vaughn, Leah Gillespie, Zak Young, Deb Vuturo, Stacy Elsbury, Michelle Madaras, Gwen Jahangiri, Janet Sullivan, Leslie Baker, Xiaoling Liao, Margaret Preston, Kelley Barnett, Jennifer Gopalakrishnan, Susan Hagood, Deepa Nair, Marsha Schaffranek, April Kim, Ms. Crissy Lynn

Call to Order (Time: 6:35 pm)– Katherine King

Correspondence: Natalie Nelson: none

Principal's Update: Dr. Stacy Austin

- * Would like for PTA to help with Kindergarten registration day on April 17, acting as docents of the school and helping to give parents a tour.
- * Innovation Grant System - chime for every classroom to help with mindfulness
- * Brian Garbera - runs a chess club at our elementary schools on a weekly basis and will be coming shortly to speak tonight. He has a certificate of insurance and has background clearance. We have a parent who is willing to be present when the club is in session.
 - * when he arrived he stated:
 - Cost is \$12/ hr per child. Usually runs club for 6-12 weeks tournaments once a month.
 - likes at least 10 children to participate
 - he can hold a lesson with 2nd/3rd graders to spark interest.
 - kids get online achievement cards
- * Need a new superintendent and PTA parents will be able to give their input to Henrico County. More information will follow.
- * New Partnership with a brownie troop will be happening and provide a beautification project. 3 different blooms for 3 different seasons.
- * Spirit nights: Mod pizza and Potbelly would like to host a spirit night for SGES

Treasurer's Report: Iryna Dolynuk

Bank account as of 1/31/2018 \$45,777

Net Operating Income as of 2/24/2018 is \$23,314

After school enrichment revenue for the winter session \$4,650 (after Member Planet Fees). No expenses submitted or paid yet

Rock-A-Thon \$7,273 (after Member Planet Fees) as of 2/14/2018

No more money in the budget for Reflections and Cultural Arts

President's Action Items/ Announcements-Katherine King

- * Need leads on filling board positions. If you have someone in mind please give their name to the nominating committee or reach out to them.
- * Please be available to give prospective candidates more information.

VP Programs: Amy Jessup/ Vicki Svoboda:

~~Last Thursday we had an amazing turnout at International Night.~~ Vicki and I were so happy with the variety of countries represented and everyone's enthusiasm to share their culture. Just a thank you to Dr. Austin and staff for their support and especially to Ms. Taylor who is so wonderful in so many ways she never has to be asked to help she just sees a need and takes care of it!! Any feedback for next year can be send to Vicki and I. Our last program will be the end of year picnic in May. Any suggestions, requests or ideas are welcome. Last year's picnic was a "special" circumstance with the 25th anniversary and Dr. Schwab's retirement so we do not plan to have an indoor formal program but keep it more kid centered/ light and fun!

Membership: Brigitte Sicat/ Sejla Hoareau: no report

VP Finance: Chrissy Price

Next spirit night will be Tuesday Feb. 20 from 6-10 pm at the Innsbrook Dairy queen.

Box Tops for Education: Sarah Fox

Can we vote on a "Box top Blitz"? We can run it from March 1 - April 30 with the classroom having the most winning SOMETHING for May? Can you guys decide on that something and I will get the note sent home in the next week.

Dr. Austin decided that the something would be a kickball game against the administration team. Ms. Taylor recommended advertising the contest on the morning announcements but to give Ms. Blouch a heads up on the script.

VP Volunteers: Renee Kreiser/Smitha Murthy

1. Cafeteria and Welcome Desk coverage is going fine- most weeks have majority covered by classrooms

2- preparing Volunteer of the Year documents- will have out to members in early March- due to county March 31

3- Planning for Volunteer appreciation will start in March

VP Communications/ Publicity: Meghan Gemmill: no report

Lay Advisory/ Parliamentarian: Radha Joshi/ Ann Vaughn: No report

County Council/Legislative: Leah Gillespie: No report

After School Enrichment: Deb Vuturo/Stacy Elsbury

We are two weeks into our four week Winter ASE session, and (touch wood) we've had good enough weather to make it happen! Feedback from parents and students is very positive, and we're already beginning to think about the offerings for next year, with this in mind. Looking ahead to next year, we will miss Deb on the Committee, but she's taught us so much and done a terrific job. Thank you Deb! If anyone knows someone who would enjoy taking over Deb's position, please let the nominating committee know-- her shoes will be hard to fill, but it's a fun and rewarding role, particularly for parents who have children who participate in ASE.

Cultural Arts: Janet Sullivan/Gwen Jahangiri:

Music technology was a big hit. The kids were mesmerized by the presenter who wrote the music trailer for Black Panther and Wrinkle in Time movies.

Grounds/ Outdoor Classroom: Xiaoling Liao/Margaret Preston: No report

We are planning a Spring rock painting event and, currently, Dr. Austin is determining the best place to create a beautiful rock path based on the book "Only One You." Ideally, the book is read to all students then each student (who signs up) paints their own unique rock inspired by the fish in the book using acrylic craft paint. This inspiring idea was at the suggestion of Crissy Lynn, and it'll be a wonderful weekend event that encompasses the whole school - most likely sometime in April.

Nominating Committee: Margaret Preston, Maryanne Purcell, Joanne Rosel

President and President Elect

Treasurer - *Andrew to speak with Iryna*

Secretary

VP Finance (2 positions)

VP Volunteers (2 positions) - *emailed Renee to speak with potential, Ansley Townes (K parent)*

Cultural Arts (2 positions)

Outdoor Classroom - *filled with Dena Roberts*

Reflections

Yearbook - *emailed Britta to get in touch with potential, Maggie Lescano (K parent)*

Afterschool Enrichment (ASE)- Site Coordinator

Hospitality: Leslie Bake/ Maryanne Purcell

February event was dinner for parent/teacher conferences. Chipotle donated burritos. In March there will be a potato bar. Teachers will have dinner provided by Potbelly on

Rock a Thon night. Maryanne encouraged us to thank these local restaurants when we visit them.

Reflection: Joanne Rosel/ Erin Reed

Shady Grove Elementary School was honored at the Henrico County Council of PTA's Reflections Program Awards Ceremony on Monday, February 12th at Henrico High School Center for the Arts. SGES was recognized as the only Elementary school in the County to receive an award for "Outstanding School Participation". And a nice trophy too! All Teacher incentives for all grade levels have been awarded as well. Charlotte Rosel won for her video on female empowerment. Meghan Gemmill said the link to Charlotte's video is on our Facebook page. Next year's theme is Heroes Around Me.

Room Parent Coordinator: Cheryl Bloor

Teacher Appreciation Week is in May and will be a day by day theme, a PTA breakfast. More info to follow. Field Day will be June 1 with a rain date of June 8.

Scholarship Fundraiser: Michelle Madaras/ Natasha Gamboa:

Rock-A-Thon registration opened last Friday, Feb. 9

*We are off to a great start with approximately 250 students registered one week in

*So far we have raised around \$9000+ including corporate sponsors

*Own the Stage registrations and t-shirt orders will close next Tuesday, Feb. 20, but Rock-A-Thon registration will remain open until the month's end, depending on numbers.

*Our committee is working closely with Dr. Austin, Crystal Metzger, Crissy Lynn and Debbie Taylor who have all been extremely helpful and supportive

*There are Own the Stage and Sponsor boxes to collect forms in the PTA room. If you see anything related to those items in the general mailbox, please put them in the corresponding box. Thank you.

*The Olympic theme seems to be a big hit so far and hopefully you have seen the festive decorations courtesy of April Kim's creative skills around the school.

School Store: Lara MacDonald: store is open and we need help Feb. 21, 23rd and most of March. Lara will give Ms. Blouch a blurb to put on the morning announcements that the store is open from 7:15 - 7:45 am.

Spirit Wear: Kelley Barnett: no report

STEM Program: Jennifer Gopalakrishnan/ Crystal Schneider/ Susan Hagood: No report

Technology: Zak Young: No report

Yearbook: Marsha Schaffranek/ April Kim/ Britta Quick:

1) Working on taking pictures for yearbook in the school. Such as SCA days, recess and club pictures. Also, will take pictures of new students since makeup pictures.

2) Have sent out continuing PTA blast for more pictures from parents

Teacher Reps- Ms. Lynn/ Ms. Taylor:

Ms. Taylor said she was asked for a user code when she was trying to upload pictures for the yearbook. Meghan Gemmill says she will resend the link to Ms. Taylor. Vicki recommended going to 'PTA Forms' for yearbook pictures.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Nelson, Secretary

Next Board Meeting
March 8, 2018
6:30 pm SGES Library