

MINUTES
Shady Grove Elementary PTA Board Meeting
May 11, 2017
Tenth Meeting of 2016-2017 School Year

Present: Katherine King, Natalie Nelson, Christine Price, Shannon Hayes, Irina Libon, Kim Berselli, Kristine Clarke, Radha Joshi, Shannon Koshy, Britta Quick, Crissy Lynn, Debbie Taylor, April Kim, Leslie Baker, Brigitte Sicat, Janet Sullivan

Absent: Greg Bula, Sally Raderer, Amy Jessup, Iryna Dolynuk, Sarah Fox, Alexandra Bula, Meghan Gemmill, Ann Vaughan, Kevin Dodson, Emma Gaccione, Zak Young, Deb Vuturo, Lisa Clarkson, Mary Wilson, Kelly Bartlett, Jenny Conklin, Seila Hoareau, Joanne Rosel, Mary Wilson, Cheryl Bloor, Lara Macdonald, Stacey McLeod, Susan Parker, Dr. Schwab, Beth Clark

Call to Order (Time: 6:30 pm)– Katherine King

Correspondence - Thank you notes from Ms. Sanborn, Ms. Gwen Smith for Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

Principal's Update-Dr. Regina Schwab - no report

Treasurer's Report- Greg Bula - see treasurer spreadsheet

President's Action Items/ Announcements-Katherine King

Transitioning New Board Members & Welcoming New Principal

Please meet with your replacement so that there can be a smooth transition for the next school year.

Vacancies on Board for 2017-18

We are still in need of a treasurer and president elect for the upcoming school year. Please let Katherine know if you have any ideas for possible candidates.

Publicity for Scholarship Winners

Discussion and decision made that Scholarship winners will be notified by mail next week. In the letter recipients will be asked to be present for the end of the year assembly on June 15 and one student will be asked to speak to the 3rd/4th graders. All students will be asked to submit a short Bio to be posted on our Facebook page. A few students will be asked to read their bios over the morning announcements so that all students at Shady Grove can hear from some of these scholarship winners. \$12,000 total awarded among 16 recipients.

Rock-A-Thon Proceeds – continued discussion/vote

Natalie Nelson motioned that 75% of the proceeds from Rock- a- thon next year be awarded for scholarships and 25% of the funds raised remain with the PTA to benefit the current students of Shady Grove Elementary School. Christine Price seconded the motion and it passed.

1st VP Programs-Sally Raderer/Amy Jessup

On May 18, we will celebrate Shady Grove's 25th Birthday with a program at 5:30pm, and a picnic at 6:15pm. The program will include student musical performances, speeches from current and former members of the community, and special presentations.

About 50 fifty people have pre-ordered boxed dinners for the picnic. The remainder are welcome to bring their own picnic. The PTA will provide coolers of water and lemonade. Kona Ice will be on site, for anyone who wants to purchase a treat. The PTA will provide an assortment of outside toys, including bubbles, sidewalk chalk, hula hoops and balls, for outside play.

Due to limited parking, we encourage the community to walk, bike or carpool to the picnic. We have arranged off-site parking and school bus transportation for our teachers.

We thank Dr. Schwab, Mrs. Gil, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Sanborn, Mrs. Berlin, Katherine King and everyone who is playing a part in this program.

2nd VP Finance-Chrissy Price/Iryna Dolynuk - no report

Box Tops for Education- Sarah Fox - no report

3rd VP Volunteers- Alexandra Bula/Shannon Hayes

Volunteers Committee is very thankful to all of the parents who helped make Field Day a great success! We are very fortunate to have such a fantastic Field Day leader in Mrs. Reynold's, but the day couldn't happen without all of our awesome parents!

We will celebrate SGES's awesome volunteers at our annual Volunteer Appreciation [Breakin' it Up](#) Thursday May 15 from 3pm-10am.

Come celebrate with us with some yummy treats and door prizes too!

4th VP Communications/ Publicity– Irina Libon/Meghan Gemmill

Please submit any feedback regarding publicity to Meghan or Irina. Katherine asked publicity to include that a vote for new board members will take place at the school 25th anniversary celebration.

Lay Advisory- Kim Berselli/Ann Vaughn -no report

County Council/Legislative - Kevin Dodson/ Emma Gaccione- no report

After School Enrichment - Deb Vuturo/Holly Dougherty/Lisa Clarkson- no report

Katherine mentioned that Stacy Elsbury is starting to work on vendors for next year.

Cultural Arts - Janet Sullivan/Gwen Jahangiri

We have reviewed teacher's feedback and are in the process of planning next year.

Grounds/ Outdoor Classroom - Sejla Hoareau/Kristin Clarke

3/28 - we planted peas, corn and potatoes with kindergarteners

4/18 - we planted the 3 sisters with 4th graders and presented a PowerPoint presentation with WGC.

5/6 - Digging, donuts and dads. We had over 35 participants who cleaned out 8 beds and prepared them for planting (with compost and mulch). We did a general clean up of the school grounds. Children made birdseed Ornaments to hang in the garden.

We added a butterfly bush to the garden.

5/8 - the WGC did a PowerPoint presentation on butterflies for Kindergarteners and we planted zinnia seeds.

Looking forward, on 6/5 the 4th graders will have a presentation on the Lifecycle of the Butterfly. Additional Zinnias will be planted in May.

Hospitality - Kelly Bartlett/Brigitte Sicat

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Teacher Appreciation. June 12 we will provide snacks at a faculty meeting.

Membership - Jenny Conklin- no report

Reflection - Erin Reed/Mary Wilson- no report

Room Parent Coordinator - Cheryl Bloor

My report is simply to thank everyone for a successful Field Day and Teacher Appreciation week (TAW). If anyone has feedback or suggestions for TAW

I would like to receive them.

Scholarship Fundraiser- Leslie Baker/April Kim - no report

Scholarship review committee - Kim Berselli

We had the essays blind graded by five people. We then weighted several factors and have developed 11 winners out of 16 applicants. Scholarship awards range from \$500 to 1500. Applicants will be notified by Monday, whether they received an award or not.

We have discussed in previous meetings how to better publicize the winners. Also, we would like to see 1 or 2 recipients speak to more students, especially fifth-graders. Looking for ideas on when , how , where to do this. It would be great if we could discuss this at the PTA meeting this week. Thanks, Kim

School Store - Lara MacDonald - no report

Spirit Wear - Stacey McLeod

There are extra t-shirts from field day.

STEM Program - Susan Parker - no report

Technology - Zak Young- no report

Yearbook - Radha Joshi/Shannon Koshy/Britta Quick

Sales online are complete. We are starting a list of people who would like to purchase one once the extras arrive.

Teacher Reps- Ms. Lynn/ Ms. Taylor - no additional report

Meeting adjourned 7:15 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Natalie Nelson, Secretary

Next Meeting:
PTA Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 2017
6 pm
Eleventh Meeting of the 2016-2017 school year