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Shady Grove Elementary PTA Board Meeting
October 11, 2012

Present: Sue Manley, Stacey McKenna, Sally Raderer, Andrea Wright, Beth Clark, AnnMarie Lobred, Deana Collier, Melissa Taylor, Lucille Lindamood, Cheryl Bemis, Karen Wakefield, Alison Crowder, Mary Wilson, Michelle Bone, Kaje Stuckey, Susan Schools, Debbie Armstrong, Regina Schwab, Debbie Taylor

Absent: Tracy Teal, Amy Foy, Anett Crumley, Brian Levitin, Stephanie Marcus, Laura Girard, Kelly Plageman, Shannon Johnson, Carrie Sweeney, Diana Tittermary, Amy Jessup, Sarah Westmoreland, Colleen Bohlman, Esther Black, Christine Shamus, Jenny Conklin, Justine Sherman, Andi Elliott, Crissy Rhyne

Call to Order (Time - 6:35pm) – Sue Manley

Approval of Minutes-Sue Manley
Motion made by Susan Schools to approve the minutes from the August 2012 meeting. Kaje Stuckey seconded the motion. No one opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence-Stacey McKenna
*Board members were reminded to check their file folders in the file cabinet for their mail.
*Several thank you notes from students and teachers were circulated during the meeting.
*Board members were thanked for submitting committee reports prior to the meeting.

President's Action Items/ Announcements-Sue Manley
*Board members were thanked for their hard work in making the first month of school a success.
*Redistricting update:

- Kaje Stuckey and Dennis Berman are the Wyndham/Shady Gove representatives on the Redistricting Committee.
- Kaje discussed the goals of the committee. The current proposal has two draft maps, one of which would divide Wyndham between Shady Grove and the new school.
- The committee is working to provide two viable options to present to the School Board in November.
- Board members were thanked for responding to the online survey and encouraged to continue participating in the process.
- A second opportunity to comment on the draft proposals will take place from October 19-22.

*Tracy Teal was thanked for her hard work in collecting and disseminating information from Open House. Feedback is welcomed on either the process or our form.
*The Historian position has been eliminated. Mrs. McIver has agreed to work on the bulletin board.
*The PTA will no longer be collecting soda can tabs. If anyone is interested in taking this over, please contact Sue.
*Still need to install the basketball hoop. Looking into contractors for this job. Also, need to consider installing some flooring in the gaga pit and purchasing walkie talkies for the teachers.

Principal's Update-Dr. Regina Schwab
*Recent staff development included a presentation on rigor and relevance, especially as it pertains to the SOLs.
*Our Going WILD for Maymont day raised over $400.
*Friday is "Bully Buster Day". We will renew our commitment to making Shady Grove a bully-free zone.
*Field trips will be starting soon.
*STEM Lab night coming up soon.
*Upcoming parent coffee on the IB Program.

Treasurer's Report- Tracy Teal (absent, report read by Stacey McKenna)
*Please use and follow the instructions on the cash receipt and check request forms. Forms can be found in the file cabinet with the board folders or on the website.

Executive Committees:

1st VP Programs- Sally Raderer/Andrea Wright

*The next PTA Program will be STEM Night on Thursday, October 18 from 6:00 to 7:45 pm.
*From 6:00-7:10, there will be hands-on activities, demonstrations and displays throughout the school.
*At 7:20, there will be a PTA meeting and door prize drawing in the Gym. Students must be present for a chance to win one of eight door prizes.
*We are looking for volunteers to support this event. If you can help, please contact Sally or Andrea.
*Our primary goals of this program are: 1) educate parents about the meaning of "S.T.E.M.," (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and it's use and benefits for students. We'll also educate parents on ways they can get involved and 2) host the Grand Opening of the STEM lab, and showcase the excellent 21st century education taking place at Shady Grove.

2nd VP Finance- Beth Clark/AnnMarie Lobred/Deana Collier

* Papa John's dates have been set for the year, the first being on September 11-13th
*We are setting up our first Spirit Night at California Pizza Kitchen in late September. The date is TBA.
*We have received $578.09 from Silver Diner ($250- bonus check for having over 30% of our school population joining EWDW and $328.09 spring EWDW profits). Keep encouraging parents to use their EWDW Card – 5% goes year-round to SGES.
*The Check Writing Campaign has been a success.
*Cardinal Donors (those who give $100 or more receive) will again receive: a Cardinal Donor Magnet, a free directory and entrance into 2 competitions.
*A deadline of Nov 7th has been set for our contest to allow time to deliver the rewards before the holidays.
* We received $1,304.68 from the Martins A+ Program
*Some of the changes to the Box Tops program this year will include:

- Classroom tracking with results available online
- More online opportunities to participate
- New and Different rewards to attract our upperclassmen

3rd VP Volunteers- Amy Foy/Anett Crumley (absent, report read by Stacey McKenna)

*Information will be sent out soon about volunteering with a link to the different committees and their email addresses.

4th VP Communications – Melissa Taylor

*Next blast will go out on October 14, 2012.
*Melissa Taylor was thanked for her hard work in restoring our website.

Lay Advisory- Lucille Lindamood/Cheryl Bemis

*Discussion topics included math readiness and the SOLs, redistricting, and transportation across the County.

County Council- Brian Levitin/Karen Wakefield

*Sue Manley discussed some highlights from the County Council report:

- Two new Chair positions have been created: Diversity/Inclusion Chair and Parental Involvement Chair. Please consider getting involved.
- This year 39% more students will be provided with gifted services.
- After the initial issues, we are now at a 90% efficiency level for transportation.

Standing Committees:

After School Programs- Alison Crowder/Stephanie Marcus/Laura Girard

*Currently in the 2nd week of classes.
*Attendance is back up from last year. Sports classes were very popular.

College Scholarship Fund- Kelly Plageman/Shannon Johnson

*Looking for suggestions for performing acts for the Rock-A-Thon.

*Considering having two photo booths this year.

Cultural Arts/ Education Enhancements- Mary Wilson
The following shows are coming up this month: Latin Ballet on October 19th, performing for the 2nd & 3rd grades; Theatre IV - Simple Machines on October 24th, performing for the 3rd & 4th grades; and Theatre IV - Story of Pocahontas on October 26th, performing for the Kindergarten & 1st grade.

Hospitality-Carrie Sweeney/Michelle Bone (absent, report read by Stacey McKenna)
*Hosting a tailgating-themed luncheon tomorrow. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to donate food and prizes.

Legislative-Diana Tittermary (absent, report read by Stacey McKenna)
*We have received 94 ballots so far. Please vote on Survey Monkey if you have not already done so.

Membership- Amy Jessup (absent, report read by Stacey McKenna)
*We currently have 616 PTA members. Our target of 100% is 658 members.
*Will be sending a letter home next week to those families who have not yet joined encouraging them to do so. Also encouraging teachers to join.
*Will be adding membership information to our website soon.

Outdoor Classroom-Sarah Westmoreland
*No report.

Parliamentarian-Kaje Stuckey
*The following people have agreed to serve on a Bylaw review committee chaired by the Parlimentarian, Kaje Stuckey: Lucille Lindamood, Melissa Taylor and Jody Floegel.
*The State PTA provides a frame from which to enter your school name and make some changes. We will be reviewing their framework and determining if SGES has any changes to request.
*The committee is required to give 30 days notice of Bylaw review prior from asking for a vote. Our bylaws expire this year and we will be working on this in October.
*Currently working on the Directory.

Reflections- Colleen Bohlman/Mary Wilson
*We are working on securing the judges and have 4 out of the 7 categories spoken for. We are still looking for judges for Music, Dance and Special Artist.
*We are gearing up to catalog/label the entries when they come in.
*Our big push will be getting the entries to the judges and getting ready for the reception.

Room Parents-Esther Black
No report.

School Store- Christine Shamus
*The school store opened on Wednesday, Oct 3 with a brand new group of 4th grade volunteers.
*12 4th grade volunteers have been selected for the first half of the year. A new group will be assigned for the last half of the year.
*Business has been slower that last year because of the decrease in the time opened. The store is only open 15 minutes a day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Spirit Wear-Jenny Conklin
*No report.

STEM Lab Coordinator-Susan Schools
*The habitat is being worked on and will be populated by Mr. Prettyman before the 18th.
*Plans are going well for STEM Night next Thursday.
*We are evaluating how to handle the iPads. There's not enough money in the budget for the locking & charging station ($2000). There's a file cabinet that could be used to lock & store the iPads currently in the STEM Lab.

Yearbook- Justine Sherman/Andi Elliott/Debbie Armstrong
*We have sold 330 yearbooks (52% of our goal). We sold about 230 yearbooks on Back to School Forms.
*Andi and Justine have met with class liaisons. The liaisons will be used to help take and collect pictures from each class and upload them to the Jostens website.
*The raffle deadline is October 13th. All orders placed by the Saturday will be eligible to win 1 of 2 free yearbooks. Winners will be selected and notified by early next week.

Teacher Reps- Ms. Rhyne/ Ms. Taylor
*No report.

Time ended: 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey McKenna, Secretary

Next Meeting:
Thursday, November 8, 2012
6:30pm