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Shady Grove Elementary PTA Board Meeting

February 9, 2017

Seventh Meeting of 2016-2017 School Year

Present: Katherine King, Greg Bula, Natalie Nelson, Sally Raderer, Iryna Dolynuk, Alexandra Bula, Shannon Hayes, Irinia Libon, Megan Gemmill, Kim Berselli, Ann Vaughn, Zak young, Leslie Baker, April Kim, Lara Macdonald, Brigitte Sicat, jenny Conklin, Kristin Clarke, Erin Reed, Radhaa Joshi, Ms. Debbie Taylor, Dr. Regina Schwab, Ms. Crissy Lynn.

Absent: Cheryl Bloor, Amy Jessup, Shannon Koshy, Britta Quick, Chrissy Price, Sarah Fox, Kevin Dodson, Emma Gaccione, Deb Vuturo, Holly Dougherty, Gwen Jahangiri, Janet Sullivan, Kelly Bartlett Wheeler, Sejila Hoareau, Joanne Rosel, Mary Wilson, Stacey McLeod, Susan Parker, Beth Clark

**Call to Order** Time: 6:35pm – Katherine King.

Previous minutes motioned to be approved by Greg Bula, 2nd by Lara MacDonald.

**Correspondence: none**

**Principal’s Update-Dr. Regina Schwab**

Parent/ teacher conferences are this week. She announced her retirement at the end of this school year. There will be opportunities for parent and teacher input for the selection of the new principal. The group will consist of PTA/non PTA parents, parents of gifted and non-gifted children, high school, middle school and elementary parents. All interested should attend a meeting on Feb. 15 at 1 pm. Another meeting will be held with just teachers on Feb. 27.

**Treasurer’s Report- Greg Bula**

We had 5 new members join the PTA last month. We are short about $8,000 on our operating income at this point. More income will be coming in with spirit nights and box top check, and field day t-shirts.

**President’s Action Items/ Announcements-Katherine King**

Thank you to those who are serving on the nominating committee: Ann Sly, Mary Wilson, Dinesh Nikaya, Kelly Barnett, Jen Gopalakrishnan. Greg Bula motioned to approve this committee, Kim Berselli seconded.

Cheryl Bemus is interested in talking to us about After school clubs for next year.

Executive Committees

**1st VP Programs-Sally Raderer/Amy Jessup**

Next week is STEAM night from 6-7:45 pm. We need volunteers to set up between 5-6 pm and then another wave of volunteers too just keep things organized and neat at the stations form 6-7:30 pm. Door prizes will be 7:30 -7:45 pm. Middle and high school students that need community service hours are welcome.

**2nd VP Finance-Chrissy Price/Iryna Dolynuk**

**•** Chipotle Spirit Night on 1/31 raised $342.48

• Next SGES Spirit Night will be at Skate Nation Short Pump.  Iryna is finalizing the fliers.

◦ Friday 2/17 4:30-6:30

◦ $10 Laser Tag or Skating / $15 for Both

**Box Tops for Education- Sarah Fox :** no report

**3rd VP Volunteers- Alexandra Bula/Shannon Hayes**: no report

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

BLAST content due today. The next blast will be Tuesday.

**Lay Advisory- Kim Berselli/Ann Vaughn**

This message is being sent to households of students in grades 4-8:

Henrico County Public Schools seeks public input on integration of “STEAM” (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) into middle schools. HCPS will hold two simultaneous public input sessions next Wednesday night:

**Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 6-7 pm:**John Rolfe Middle School; 6901 Messer Road; Henrico, Va. 23231

**Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 6-7 pm:**Glen Allen High School; 10700 Staples Mill Road; Glen Allen, Va. 23060

The input sessions are designed to gather feedback from the public about integrating STEAM curricula into the division’s middle schools. The input sessions will involve a short presentation from HCPS leaders, followed by a question and answer session.

Please join us!

In the Fall 2018, Douglas Wilder Middle school will be the designated gifted school. There will also be 2 pilot middle school centers.

Dec. 18, 2017- January 1, 2018 will be the winter break next school year.

**County Council/Legislative - Kevin Dodson/ Emma Gaccione**: No report

Standing Committees

**PTA Technology- Zak Young:**No report

**After School Enrichment - Deb Vuturo/Holly Dougherty/Lisa Clarkson:** No report

**Rock a Thon Fundraiser - Leslie Baker/April Kim**

Applications are now available for Thomas Fernald Community Service Scholarships!

Each year, Shady Grove Elementary offers scholarship money to high school seniors that have been active participants in community leadership and volunteerism.  The application is attached here and can be found on the SGES PTA website. The applications have also been sent to Henrico high school and private school guidance counselors.  The application contains details on due dates and requirements. Only prior SGES students are eligible.

Thank you for your assistance in making your SGES alum aware of this opportunity! Please let us know if you have any other ideas on how to market the scholarship opportunity.

Contact:

Kim Berselli

Thomas B. Fernald Community Service Scholarship Committee

Shady Grove Elementary School PTA

Katherine King opened discussion in regards to the Rock a Thon proceeds. The new leadership for the upcoming school year will decide if all money still goes to provide scholarships or if there will be a cap on the scholarship and the rest of the money to go to Shady Grove Elementary PTA to benefit our current students.

Leslie Baker & April Kim provided the following breakdown for RAT 2015 money raised: $9200 ticket sales, $1800 collected by students, $2700 corporate donations, $3,000 t-shirts.

Bridgitte Sicat and Kim Berselli discussed that all 5th graders should hear the 1-2 speeches given by the scholarship recipients.

An additional fall fundraiser was discussed perhaps in conjunction with the fun run. Trimming the budget and reducing the number of cultural arts programs was also discussed as a way to balance our budget. Ms. Taylor expressed that if the PTA needed more funds, they could cut some of the money they spend on teachers. Natalie Nelson expressed her opinion that the scholarship should be capped at a set amount such as$8,000 and the remaining money raised should benefit current students at Shady Grove.

**Cultural Arts - Janet Sullivan/Gwen Jahangiri**

This week the 4th graders were treated to a fantastic performance of Harriet Tubman by the Virginia Rep Theater. We have some wonderful musical performances lined up later this month with The World Beat Program for kindergarten and 1st grade and The Richmond Ballet for 2nd and 4th grade.

**Hospitality - Kelly Bartlett/Brigitte Sicat**

On Feb. 1 we did a light dinner for the teachers. March 8, April 5 are some upcoming dates that we will be providing some food and could use volunteers. May 3 is the teacher appreciation luncheon.

**Membership - Jenny Conklin**

The directory is up on list and parents can go in and update information. On the rock a ton registration there was a tab to “join the PTA” which raised an additional $290.00 in membership.

**Outdoor Classroom - Sejla Hoareau/Kristin Clarke**

Tulip bulbs were planted in front of the school.

**Reflection - Erin Reed/Joanne Rosel/Mary Wilson:**

There will be a meeting next month to honor participants.

**Room Parent Coordinator - Cheryl Bloor**

5th grade graduation committee is being organized

**School Store - Lara MacDonald**

a new order is being put in today. need volunteers to work in the store.

**Spirit Wear - Stacey McLeod:** no report

**STEM Program - Susan Parker:** No report

**Yearbook - Radha Joshi/Shannon Koshy/Britta Quick:** no report

A**fter School Clubs - Beth Clark:** No report

**Teacher Reps- Ms. Lynn/ Ms. Taylor**

Meeting ended: 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Nelson, Secretary

Next Meeting:

PTA Board Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2017

6:30 pm

Eighth Meeting of the 2016-2017 school year