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Shady Grove Elementary PTA Board Meeting

January 25, 2018

Fifth Meeting of 2017-2018 School Year

Present: Katherine King, Iryna Dolynuk, Natalie Nelson, Vicki Svoboda, Amy Jessup, Brigitte Sicat, Stacy Elsbury, Margaret Preston, Gwen Jahangiri, Cheryl Bloor, Marsha Schaffranek, Britta Quick, Dr. Stacey Austin

Absent: Sejla Hoareau, Chrissy Price, Sarah Fox, Renee Kreiser, Smitha Murthy, Meghan Gemmill, Radha Joshi, Ann Vaughn, Leah Gillespie, Zak Young, Deb Vuturo, Michelle Madaras, Leslie Baker, Janet Sullivan, Maryanne Purcell, Xiaoling Liao, Joanne Rosel, Erin Reed, Lara Macdonald, Kelley Wright Barnett, Jennifer Gopalakrishnan, Crystan Schneider, Susan Hagood, Deepa Nair, April Kim, Ms. Debbie Taylor, Ms. Crissy Lynn

**Call to Order** (Time: 5:17 pm)– Katherine King

**Correspondence: Natalie Nelson: none**

**Principal’s Update: Dr. Stacy Austin**

Things are finally getting back on track after the winter weather disruption of January. After school enrichment will be underway in February. Another chess club has approached us to use Shady Grove. This club has their own certificate of liability insurance and would charge a fee fro participation. Dr. Austin will research what PTA resources are needed if if is connected/sponsored by our PTA.

**Treasurer’s Report: Iryna Dolynuk**

Bank Balance as of 12/31/2017 $42,836

 As of 1/25/2018

Deposited in January

$1,850

Checks written but not cashed

$9,051

 Operating Expenses still outstanding $10,451. We are on budget in the revenue side.

 These totals do not include winter after school enrichment and Rock-A-Thon

* Iryna mentioned that a lot of the teacher funds have not been spent yet. Dr. Austin will touch base with teachers regarding this.

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

Maryanne Purcell, Joanne Rosel, and Margaret Preston have graciously agreed to be on the nominating committee for next year’s board and Stacy Elsbury will also be helping out. The board will have to vote by email to approve the nominating committee so that they can begin their work.

Please notify Katherine or one of these committee members if you are not returning to your current position or wish to fulfill another role.

**Please remember to fill out a check request form before submitting checks to the treasurer Iryna Dolynuk.**

**VP Programs: Amy Jessup/ Vicki Svoboda:**

International night is coming up next month. It will be on Thursday, February 8 starting at 6 PM through 7:30 in the cafeteria. Flyers have gone home to all students if families are interested in presenting/hosting a table they are asked to send their forms in so we can begin preparation. All students and faculty are welcome-minimal volunteers are needed.

**Membership: Brigitte Sicat/ Sejla Hoareau**

All PTA memberships purchased as of 1/22/18 have been uploaded to the National PTA website (n=583);  82% enrollment based on a denominator of 710.   All of the Cardinal Donors (n=124) have been recognized by having their name on a "leaf" on the tree displayed at the front of the school.  Thank you to Sejla for preparing and distributing the student directories and to the Rock-A-Thon Committee for continuing to include a link on the Member Planet Rock-A-Thon sign-ups to join the PTA/donate to the PTA.

**VP Finance: Chrissy Price**

• Ashland Skateland Spirit Night brought in $137

• Isabelle Stern (SGES alumni) - Can we advertise for her cause? Katherine said we could present it for discussion. (see email info below)

• Dairy Queen Spirit Night - Feb 20th 6:00-10:00

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

**VP Volunteers:** **Renee Kreiser/Smitha Murthy: No report**

**VP Communications/ Publicity: Meghan Gemmill: no report**

**Lay Advisory/ Parlimentarian: Radha Joshi/ Ann Vaughn: No report**

**County Council/Legislative: Leah Gillespie: No report**

**After School Enrichment: Deb Vuturo/Stacy Elsbury**

8 classes are being offered on Tuesdays for 4 weeks, starting Feb. 6.

**Cultural Arts: Janet Sullivan/Gwen Jahangiri: No report**

Dr. Austin mentioned that the program skateboard science was a hit!

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

On the blast “DDD call for pictures”, needs to be corrected to Digging and Donuts. Marsha Schaffranek says she can correct this and Natalie Nelson asked Margaret to email Meghan Gemmill as well.

**Hospitality: Leslie Bake/ Maryanne Purcell**

Our Jan. “Souper Bowl” luncheon was great,  and our Feb. event will be providing dinner for Parent-Teacher Conference night.

**Reflection: Joanne Rosel/ Erin Reed: No report**

**Room Parent Coordinator: Cheryl Bloor:**

5th Grade Graduation meeting coming up. Jan 30th 4 pm in the Library for all 5th grade parents.

**Scholarship Fundraiser: Michelle Madaras:**

This year's Rock-A-Thon will take place on Thursday, March 15. This event is an annual fundraiser benefitting the Thomas B. Fernald Scholarship which all SGES graduates are eligible to apply for upon completion of high school.

The event will be held in the gym and there will be two sessions as there has been in the past. K-2 will attend from 4:00-5:30 and 3-5 from 6:00-8:00. This year, the theme will be the Olympics as the Winter Olympics will have recently taken place before the Rock-A-Thon. Along those lines, there will be fun 'Olympic inspired' games, a a photo booth with Olympic themed photo strips, an opening ceremony parade and a closing ceremonies led by Dr. Austin, a dance party, talent show, as well as other fun activities.

Shannon Johnson & Kelly Plageman are kindly offering their expertise once again and coordinating the 'Own the Stage' talent show portion of the event. We have a great committee in place, vendors are secured, facilities are reserved, a t-shirt design has been created, hospitality is ready to go  and we are on track to open registration on Member Planet on Friday, Feb. 9.

Lastly, but very important. A large part of the Rock-A-Thon fundraising dollars come from sponsors. This year, we are reaching out to you all, the ever-supportive PTA to help us in this effort if at all possible. We have provided you with two documents for you to use if you or anyone you know would like to be a sponsor. The first is a letter with a general overview of the Rock-A-Thon, detailed information about how to become a sponsor as well as the benefits of being a sponsor. The second document is a contract for the company/ sponsor to fill out. Ann Slyh is our point person this year for sponsors and will be collecting contracts and checks either in person or from the PTA mailbox.

**School Store: Lara MacDonald:**

The school store is up and running again every Wednesday and Friday! More supplies is being ordered. I’m also happy to report that Amy Jessup will be taking over my position next year!

**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) Sent yearbook cover to Dr. Austin for final approval.

2) Opt out email was sent to parents from Dr. Austin.  We have had a good

response and have cut the list in half.

3) 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.

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

**Teacher Reps- Ms. Lynn/ Ms. Taylor: No report**

Meeting adjourned 5:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Nelson, Secretary

Next Board Meeting

February 15, 2018

6:30 pm SGES Library