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Shady Grove Elementary PTA Board Meeting

March 8, 2018

Seventh Meeting of 2017-2018 School Year

Present: Katherine King, Natalie Nelson, Renee Kreiser, Meghan Gemmill, Xiaoling Liao,Maryanne Purcell, Margaret Preston, Joanne Rosel, Zak Young, Britta Quick, Debbie Taylor, Crissy Lynn

Absent: Dr. Austin, Iryna Dolynu, Amy Jessup, Vicki Svoboda, Sejla Hoareau, Brigitte Sicat, Christine Price, Sarah Fox, Smitha Murthy, Radha Joshi, Ann Vaughan, Leah Gilespie, Deb Vuturo, Stacy Elsbury, Michelle Madaras, Natasha Gamboa, Leslie Baker, Gwen Jahangiri, Janet Sullivan, Erin Reed, Cheryl Bloor, Lara Macdonald, Kelley Barnett, Jennifer Gopalakrishnan, Crystan Schneider, Susan Hagood, Marsha Schaffranek, April Kim, Depa Nair

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

**Correspondence: Natalie Nelson: none**

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

Ms. Lynn shared that the teachers of the year were Joy Siegel and Sierra Morton

**Treasurer’s Report: Iryna Dolynuk**

Bank account $51,187 as of March 7, 2018

Checks written but not cashed as of March 7, 2018 $2,430

Scholarship Fundraiser Income $14,826 as of the last member planet transfer (net of member planet fees)

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

If you are rolling off the board, please be proactive in meeting with your replacement between now and May and getting them up to speed on their role for the upcoming school year. Our new President will be Meghan Gemmill. Thank you to Meghan for filling this role. We need an audit committee who will meet over the summer. Sarah Fox will be on the committee and has done it before, so we need 2 more folks with a finance background would be helpful. Please let Katherine know if you can help.

the nominating committee has done a tremendous job.

**Nominating Committee:Margaret Preston, Maryanne Purcell, Joanne Rosel**

2 positions left to fill… ASE on site coordinator and Publicity. Margaret Preston’s husband is a potential candidate for Publicity. We do not need to fill the President elect role until next year.

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

**Membership: Brigitte Sicat/ Sejla Hoareau: no report**

**VP Finance: Chrissy Price**

**Box Tops for Education: Sarah Fox**

The box top blitz will be starting in Mid March and the class with the most will have a kickball game with administration.

**VP Volunteers:** **Renee Kreiser/Smitha Murthy**

Volunteer of Year Nomination form were sent out in blast this week - due on March 16th

 Please be sure to send in a nomination so we can recognize all of our most dedicated volunteers. No one has been nominated yet.

- WD is having almost 100% coverage from the classroom coverage

* Cafeteria continues to fluctuate and little help from BUB
* there was discussion that the first shift in the cafeteria is the most important to fill since younger children need to be escorted to the bathroom and need help opening things.

**-** annual volunteer reception

• event will be the morning of April 24th

• school will be taking a lead in this year's reception so that volunteers can enjoy

• food will be provided by staff- homemade

• school gift is under discussion

• PTA will provide paper supplies and support with additional items if needed

Board members will need to be at the event since teachers will be in classrooms providing instruction.

**VP Communications/ Publicity: Meghan Gemmill:**

My report is that the next PTA Blast is due to go out on March 20th.

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

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

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

Winter ASE has wrapped with great success, and we're now turning sights to Fall programming. We've sent a request for feedback and wish lists to parents, so we are hoping for some new and brilliant ideas for the Fall. Should we fail to receive that, we're hoping for a whole bunch of praise and cheering on, which will make us all feel fabulous about putting our own new and brilliant ideas into place. Either way, Fall ASE 2018 is on deck, and it's going to be EPIC. EPIC, I say. Oh wait, there's just one little thing: Deb's leaving, and we're crying, until we find her replacement. If you know anyone with daytime flexibility during the Fall who could volunteer to be site coordinator, please-oh-please let someone know. Actually, go ahead and jump up right now. Waive your hands in the air like you just don't care. It's an easy job. Or at least, Deb makes it look that way. We are prepared to lie with conviction to support that.

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

\* The Richmond Symphony will be performing for our 1st and 2nd graders on March 16th and we will have Tales of the Griot on March 20th. This is an annual favorite for the 3rd grade.

**Grounds/ Outdoor Classroom: Xiaoling Liao/Margaret Preston:**

• The rock painting event based on the book “Only One You” will take place [on 4/21 (9-12pm](x-apple-data-detectors://3)) with a rain date of [4/28](x-apple-data-detectors://4).

• The path will be in the island in the front of the school and will be ribbon-shaped; there will be other areas in the front of the school for future Cardinals to participate as we see fit.

• The event will also have a sign associated with it highlighting the project for all to see.

• The path will be approximately 2ft wide with landscape fabric underneath.

• Outdoor classroom will get a copy of the book and copies of each page can be made and read during the next Citizen Pep Rally.

• Side Note: The SGES Brownies will be planting their flowers (which they’ll continue to maintain throughout the year) at the same time as this event to provide a community feel. Vicki Svoboda is the contact for this Brownie engagement.

**Hospitality: Leslie Bake/ Maryanne Purcell**

Hospitality is hosting a St. Patty’s Day potato bar luncheon on THursday, Mar. 15th. That evening, we’re providing food for the teachers and Rock-a-thon committee helpers.  Pot Belly is donating sandwiches for that!

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

**Room Parent Coordinator: Cheryl Bloor: no report**

**Scholarship Fundraiser: Michelle Madaras/ Natasha Gamboa:**

• Rock-A-Thon registration officially closed this past Monday, March 5th

• We have a total of 476 students attending / 67% of SGES student population

• We raised $20,486.00, $5,150 of which came from sponsors (this number is before expenses; by our current calculations we should end up with around $17,000 to go towards the Thomas B. Fernald Scholarship Fund as well as a percentage of that back to our PTA / current students.

• The overall class winners from K-5 are: Ms. Lynn, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Goddin, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Siegal and Mrs. Harris (these classes will be awarded with a special luncheon hosted by Dr. Austin himself)

• We have 95 students participating in the Own the Stage Talent show

• We have 20 gold medal families that raised about $1000.00 which replaced the student donation drive from years past.

• Next Thursday, March 15 is the big day! In preparation, the Rock-A-Thon committee is gathering tomorrow (Friday) to stuff hundreds of bags to be delivered to students next Monday morning. The bags will include lanyards and badges that each student must wear for identification purposes. There will also be assigned car #'s and detailed instructions for the drop-off and pick-up process as this is a change from previous years. T-shirts will also be in the bags for those who ordered them.

• We have around 80 parent volunteers helping out at the Rock-A-Thon this year. Natasha will be communicating with them next Monday when the bags go home.

• We are excited about the use of the car loop for drop-off and pick-up this year, but we do realize that with any new process, there can be bumps in the road. Although we have spent hours fine-tuning the process with Ms. Lynn and Mrs. Taylor, we know that nothing is perfect. If you would please spread the word that we are asking parents to please exercise patience with this new process and are looking out for the safety of their children first, we would really appreciate it!

**School Store: Lara MacDonald:** No report

**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:**

Online ordering is now closed.

We sold 565 yearbooks and ordered 580 yearbooks.  I will sell the extra

yearbooks (first come first serve) for $30 (cash)  in June after all other

yearbooks have been distributed.  I currently have 2 students on my list.

How many yearbooks does the school want? the answer was 3-5.

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

**10 children will be released at a time for dismissal from rock a thon.**

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Nelson, Secretary

Next Board MeetingApril 12, 2018

6:30 pm SGES Library