

## Home and School Meeting: 1.12.2017

### Minutes

Meeting convened at 7:02 p.m.

#### **Opening Remarks – Reena Kolar**

Reena welcomed everyone to the meeting, and wished Happy New Year to all attendees.

Reena shared that the Home & School Treasurer resigned in December, and invited Kim Coleman to share the treasurer's report.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Kim Coleman**

Kim shared the Treasurer's Report. She was recently provided the Association's financial books from the previous treasurer, and is currently updating the report, ensuring that all income and expenses are classified under correct headings/activities. Kim will be able to share more in the next few weeks, and plans to have the financial books organized by the time a new treasurer is appointed and begins.

Going forward, the Target Red Card Program will not exist. South Home and School was given \$1000 this year before the program was ended.

Mattress Money, reflected on the Treasurer's Report, is not part of the Home and School Association budget. It is allocated for teacher money.

#### **Principal/Staff Liaison Report – David D'Andrea, Jen Derstine**

Teachers received a gift bag as a prize for a contest entered by Home and School.

Summer Reading Contest – South Elementary placed second in the state, and in the top 50 in the world.

South library has eBooks, new this year. These have been shared with third through fifth grade, due to interest area. Families are welcome to access these books at home, with internet connection. There are over 140 titles available.

Visiting author, Mo Harris, will be seeing third, fourth and fifth grade next month. She is the author the Zombie Goldfish series. The visit was organized by Trappe Book Center, at no cost to South.

Box Tops contest in under way. David King created a trophy to be shared with winning classes. Families are encouraged to send in Box Tops. Money raised through this directly benefits the school.

#### **South Cares – Reena Kolar**

South Cares was hugely successful this year – with more contributed than previous year.

Mr. D'Andrea reported that the district fundraising event was also successful. The location of the drive may be changed next year to allow for a more discrete location for families to pick up donations.

#### **Holiday Shoppe- Reena Kolar**

Reena and Kim shared that Holiday Shoppe was under goal this year. Home and School will examine why this is so. A new co-chair is needed for next year, as well as the year after.

### **Box Tops – David King**

Waiting for a check of 1721.80. David also shared other funds received by Box Tops fundraising. Ms. Spritzler's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class won an extra 100 points towards a Winter Contest. The winning class will have a class taught by Mr. D'Andrea. David is still looking to collect laundry detergent pods for Box Top collection. Please look at the date on Box Tops expired Box Tops cannot be submitted. Home and School is currently waiting on checks from previous drives. The goal is to raise over \$3000 from Box Tops.

### **Recycling – Amy Ruppert, Naomi Morissette**

Possibly starting a project to coincide with Earth Day in April. Fundraising of recycled items will be submitted to Terracycle. Donations of bins for collection are being sought and inquiries have been sent to Lowe's, Home Depot, True Value, Trappe and Collegeville Boroughs.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Board Treasurer Opening – Kim Coleman**

The board is looking for a new treasurer.

David King volunteered. Megan Maran nominated, Amy Ruppert seconded. David King was confirmed as Treasurer. Kim Coleman will organize the financial books in the next weeks, and turn them over to David.

#### **Spirit Nights – Christine Hayward, Jill Schaeffer**

Capt'n Chucky – The week of the January 23<sup>rd</sup>. They offer 15% to the school and gift cards can be purchased.

Panera Bread – February 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m. The Home and School is given 20%. Take-out orders are not included, and a flyer must be submitted at the time of purchase. At least 50 flyers must be submitted for the Association to earn the 20% profit.

Inquiries are being made for future Spirit Nights at Shagun in Collegeville, Vincent's Delivery (across from the high school), WIBS, Famous Phil's in Limerick, Dairy Queen, Rita's Water Ice, Swirls & Nibbles in Skippack, and Bruster's Ice Cream.

Bounce-U is opening in Trappe in March. Amy Ruppert will look into a Spirit Night at this new location.

#### **Science Fair – Rebecca Reid, Dave Hayward**

It is being held February 24<sup>th</sup>. Planning is on-going for Science Fair. Donations are being received for the raffle baskets. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out for volunteer sign-ups. A flyer will be sent out next week to inform families about requirements for Science Fair.

#### **Skating Parties – Megan Maran**

Two coming up: February 4 and March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:45-7:15 p.m. Cost is upcoming. Flyers will be going out soon to families. The committee is stepping down after this year, so a new committee is needed. Booking for next year will need to be done in the coming weeks as the rink is being booked into 2018. Interested volunteers should contact Megan Maran, Evin Anglace or any Home & School board member.

A DJ is lined up, and prizes will be given to students. Payment is needed only for skaters, not observers. Shoes are not permitted on the ice. Trainer bars are only for very small children. A helmet rule cannot be enforced by the association or rink; however, **helmets are strongly recommended.**

**Yearbook** - Patty Tremba

Work on the yearbook is in progress for this year. New committee members will be needed for next year. Currently, a one-year contract has been signed with School Annual, a subsidiary of Jostens, and a contract will be needed for next year. A new app is available; Replay It. Photos can be submitted directly to the yearbook committee from any phone. Choose South Elementary on the app. Information will be sent to families. The committee is working on ensuring the images sent are secure.

**Upcoming Board and Committee Needs** – Reena Kolar

There will be many committee chair and Board member positions available next year. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in being on the board or on a committee, please consider volunteering. For more information, contact Home and School for specifics about positions. Events and activities are not possible without volunteers.

**Questions and Discussion** – Reena Kolar

Fifth Grade Celebration is tentatively planned for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This date will be confirmed soon.

Colonial Fair has been scheduled for May. A specific date has not been shared. Mr. D’Anrea will confirm.

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.