

Home and School Meeting: 3.9.2017

Minutes

Meeting convened at 7:08 pm.

Opening Remarks – Reena Kolar

Reena welcomed everyone, and addressed a very nice turn-out at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – David King

Dave presented new income to Home and School:

- Box Tops – \$1722
- Capt'n Chuckies \$265
- Panera Bread \$294
- Direct Donations – Two from Merck
- Skate Night - \$1515
- Science Fair - loss of \$138

Expenses

Assemblies - \$630

Fun Fair Rentals are secured - \$200 for Rental World and \$500 for Beanie Bounce.

Reading Olympics - \$363

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

Mr. D'Andrea thanked everyone involved in the Title One Staff Appreciation School. He explained that Title One is a federally funded program that provides lower socio-economic status populations. South has 20% of students who live below the poverty line. Title One resources are used for the students that require it the most. The state recognizes the highest performing Title One Schools each year. South is one of the top 5% of Title One School in Pennsylvania. There is a Title One Night coming up at South in the next few weeks.

Lunch from WIBS was a big hit with the staff. Reena Kolar and Christine Hayward organized for the teachers to order and receive WIBS at lunch time. The teachers appreciated this, and it was seen as a great idea.

PSSAs start the first day of April. Trip days are not excused during PSSA. A letter will be going home tomorrow to share information about the PSSA and what students can expect. Mr. D'Andrea invited parents to ask questions if they have concerns. A PSSA Celebration will be held.

Art Show is coming up on April 21st. Mr. D'Andrea thank Kim Coleman for hanging artwork in the school and to everyone who is working on the Art Show.

Book Fair will April 19-27. The theme is camping and the book fair will be open during the art show.

Mr. D' Andrea thanked everyone for the Science Fair, especially the organizers. It was a great night!

Mrs. Derstine presented a video thanking Home and School Association for celebrating the Celebration of Reading Assembly.

Old Business

Box Tops – David King

A new contest will most likely begin the week of March 23rd. Winners will be awarded points towards field day

Skate Parties – Megan Maran

The next skate night in March is sold-out.

Amanda Miles and Courtney Martin will help to run the Skate Party for next year. The two nights are already book.

Recycling - Amy Ruppert, Naomi Morissette

Initiative will happen during the month of April to coincide with Earth Day.

An email will go out to parents to let them know what items will be collected.

Classrooms will collect recycling items, and the class with the most weight in items will be given a prize.

Checks for recycling project will come in June and January. \$36 will be coming to Home and School Association in June for past donations from Amy.

Donations of cardboard boxes are being collected.

Fundraisers – Reena Kolar

WIBS and Panera were both successful

Bounce-U fundraiser will be April 7th. Open to all grades, but geared towards k-3. Bounce-U will be opening in the Trappe Shopping Center. The cost to bounce will be \$10, and Bounce-U will be donating 50% to Home and School. There may be a joined initiative with Dominos.

Margaritas is tentatively scheduled for May.

Reena will be looking into a Movie Tavern Fundraiser.

Title I Recognition Breakfast – Naomi Morissette

Donations received from Wegmans, Giant, Produce Junction and Dunkin Donuts.

Parents were very generous with donations of giftcards to Dunkin Donuts and food.

Bus Driver Appreciation – Kim Coleman

March 17 is Bus Driver Appreciation Day. 250 bags will be filled with goodies. A SignUpGenius was sent out to request donations, and was filled quickly. Items can be brought to South Elementary for 9:00 a.m.

Spirit Wear – Kristy Crothers

A Spirit Wear drive will be held from April 2nd to April 23rd, families can order Spirit Wear. Items should be in a week before Fun Fair on May 24th.

Wawa Shortie Hoagie Coupons are being sold. Over 200 are available to be sold.

Fun Fair – Reena Kolar

Fun Fair is May 24th. Deposits have been made for rentals. An email will go out to share Orange and White Teams with families. Prices at Rental World went up. The owner suggested that we waive the damage liability to save money. Mr. D' Andrea will find out if the district has damage insurance. Rental World waived the delivery fee and will refund all unopened cartons of popcorn and candy floss.

A popcorn machine may be donated to Home and School.

Fifth Grade Celebration – Megan Maran

Going to held June 2nd with a rain date of June 5th at Palmer Park.

A certificate of waiver is needed for Skippack Township.

The owners of Collegeville Bakery will be helping with food for the event.

Volunteers are still needed for the event.

It will be a fun day of picnics and games.

Yearbooks will not be taken to the park for signing. Students will be given time to sign yearbooks after they return from the park.

Garden Project – Tracey Tweedie

Skippack Elementary has an extensive garden that was planned for two years ago. Last year, the school was able to harvest vegetables. They have reached out to everyone in the district to see if any other schools were interested in starting a similar project. A meeting was held to discuss this collaboration with the District Seed Committee.

The garden at Skippack was started by parents and a group of fifth grade students. Outside groups (i.e. Boy Scouts) also helped. One of the challenges faced by Skippack was encouraging teachers to use the garden as part of their teaching. Schwenksville has a butterfly garden that may be turned into an outdoor classroom.

There is discussion of taking the technology special and turning it into a STEM special. A presentation will be made to the district board and principals will be invited.

Is the South community interested in this type, or a smaller type, of endeavor?

Mr. D'Andrea requested time to consider the project and the curriculum surrounding STEM. Parents have approached Mr. D'Andrea about the flower and raised beds. A clean-up effort to make them functional may be possible. Suggestions were made to leverage school resources with donations from companies.

Reena shared that there was a South Garden Committee about 15 years ago. The chairperson has the plans for the garden, and works for a nursery that may provide donations.

A clean-up day could be organized to provide volunteer opportunities to South students. It could coincide with Earth Day.

Questions and Discussion - Reena Kolar

PSSA Celebration will be pretzels, freeze-pops and water

Yearbook Committee – a flyer will be sent out tomorrow. All orders will be online, expect for families who cannot get access to online orders.

Adjournment –

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Next meeting will be May 11th at 7:00 p.m.