

# ***South Elementary Home & School***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 in the Library

The meeting convened at 7:08 PM

### **Opening Remarks** – Naomi Morissette

The meeting agenda will jump around a bit tonight to accommodate Mr. D'Andrea's schedule.

### **Treasurer's Report** – David King

We are down to 38 Wawa coupons.

We are up to 99 families registered at Giant for the A+ rewards.

Still waiting for Spirit Night checks to come in.

Otherwise not much change to numbers.

### **Open Items**

#### **Committee Reports**

Redners (Suzanne Finger) – We won't earn the same amount that we did last year.

Labels for Education (Suzanne Finger) – Gift cards came in this week. Suggestion to use them to help with the proposed purchase of speakers for H&S events (see New Business below for more info)

Box Tops – Third grade is in the lead.

Upcoming Spirit Nights (Suzanne Finger and Tracy Tweedie) – Michelle's Jewelry is this Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bruster's is May 21<sup>st</sup>. WIBS Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Bounce U is Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> (two afternoon sessions because it's a ½ day, and also an evening session). Still need to check with Dominos to coordinate a spirit night the same night. Suggestion that maybe we want to make sure there is a South representative parent at Bounce U for the whole time, but need to be careful that we are not assuming responsibility for safety.

Spirit Wear Sale (Dave King) – through May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Teacher Appreciation Celebration – May 24<sup>th</sup>. Donations need to be sent in by May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Fun Fair (Reena Kolar) – June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sign up will be coming out soon. Book Fair is also that week so we need to make sure we have enough volunteers for both. Made a few changes – Pretzels were going to waste in previous years so they will be going to the chill zone this year. Also, we would need a volunteer to handle music if we are going to go with the speakers instead of a DJ. Finally, the person in charge of face painting will not be here next year so we will need someone to take that over next year. Email containing all the Fun Fair information should be in a separate blast than the weekly emails.

Fifth Grade Celebration – June 8<sup>th</sup>. Meeting this week to finalize things. Will ask parents to drop off sports equipment and activities (e.g., coloring books). Still working on food and some type of memento to make and take with them. Ask parents to donate food. Have we done a Sign-Up Genius for parent help in the past – yes. Can also ask for gift card donations (e.g. \$5 to DQ) to give away.

### **New business**

Playground – Looking to spend surplus in H&S budget. H&S has been talking about this for several years. District Board seems like it might be a little more open to it this year. Looking at a bigger plan than just GaGa pit.

Ideas? – Suggestion for refillable water bottles dispensers.

Problems H&S has run into in the past – need to spend the money families donate while their kids are still at South. Since this could take a few years, this didn't seem possible. But since we have been carrying a surplus in our budget for several years, this might not be an issue anymore.

Process – Mr. D will have to go to District and present ideas, cost estimates, etc. He suggests starting with our budget, then coming up with ideas to present to Board.

Event dates for 2018-2019 – Event dates need to be submitted to the District by May 18 for the District Calendar. Dated for several events were discussed:

Meet the Teacher Night – 9/20/18

Trunk or Treat – 10/27/18

South Kids Care – 11/5/18-11/9/18

South Skate Nights - 2/2/19 & 3/23/19

Holiday Expo – 12/1/18

Art Show – 04/12/19

PSSA Celebration – 5/3/19

Fun Fair – 6/7/19

PSSA dates for next year will fall over Easter break.

### Home and School Ideas for Next Year

Should we be meeting more frequently (e.g., once per month)? Skippack Elementary H&S meets once per month but rotates an evening and morning meeting. Skippack's morning meetings are well attended (and young children are welcome to attend). We would need space at South during the day for the day time meeting. Mr. D. thinks it is worth trying. Also might alternate nights of the week instead of only one night.

Talent Show – This has been discussed as an H&S event in the past, but it was kept as a school event. Other district schools that have it as an H&S event have a chair for each grade. These events are a lot of work – many practices, costumes etc., but they are well liked and well attended events.

Standardization of H&S by-laws across the district – H&S by-laws are different for each school so we are working to make them standard across the schools. Once they are standardized, they will go up on the website.

Purchase of music speakers for school events – suggested as an idea instead of hiring a DJ. \$250 is in Fun Fair budget for DJ, so looking at spending this money for speakers (although decent speakers could possibly cost a little more). Where will we store them? Will need to figure that out. Was not part of our budget this year so we need to vote on it. Assume approximately \$250 from Fun Fair budget plus up to \$250 from H&S budget. A motion was put forth, seconded and approved.

Any other ideas – bring to H&S board members

### **Other Business?**

For cash donations that are received for H&S events, we need to make sure committee chairs are reporting everything to Treasurer. Best to break down reporting into gift cards, checks and cash. Will send an email to the committee chairs.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.