

South Elementary Home & School

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 in the Computer Lab

The meeting convened at 7:04 pm

Opening Remarks – Christine Hayward, Naomi Morissette

Christine Hayward welcomed everyone to the regular meeting of the South Elementary Home & School (H&S) meeting.

Naomi Morissette thanked last year's H&S Board Members and presented them with a gift.

Principal's Corner - David D'Andrea

Book Fair is wrapping up tomorrow.

Thank everyone for supporting PBIS. We are recognizing students of the month as well so thank you for support.

Parent/teacher conferences are coming up and schedules should be going out by Friday.

Staff Liaison Report – Liz Dowiak

Mrs. Derstine thanks you for supporting book fair. Book Fair earned over \$5,000 in book credits to purchase new books. Class coin challenge raised \$2,900 to purchase new books.

Treasurer's Report – David King

One community night that netted \$275 from Pizza Stop.

Direct donations continue to come in \$4,203 YTD total.

Welcome Back night was big success.

T-shirts for Fifth Grade Celebration are in.

Parking attendants – Christine Hayward asked if H&S always paid for parking attendants in the past. Mr. D'Andrea said it can be added to budget discussion for next year.

Trunk or Treat was a huge success – 319 kids total.

Christine Hayward heard feedback was that it was either too long, or that people wanted to stay longer but there was not enough to do.

Feedback during meeting – freedom to come and go and not stay for the whole thing was good.

Naomi Morissette thanked Dave King for all the work that went into it.

Old Business

Ways to communicate with H&S – H&S information is no longer included with Mr. D’Andrea’s principal’s report emails. Other ways to communicate with H&S include:

- H&S Website
- Facebook page
- Remind 101 – use @southhom. Or email H&S and we will sign you up.
- Event Chair emails
- Orange papers that come home in kids backpacks

Suggestion during meeting – use Google calendar to add events. This suggestion will be explored by H&S.

Any other suggestions are welcome.

Committee Reports

South Kids Care (Suzanne Finger) – Suzanne gave a brief overview of South Kids Care. She is receiving some feedback that people are confused between South Kids Care and South Stomps Starvation. Maybe next year run those programs during different weeks.

Turkey Bingo (Jen Gabel) – this Saturday night. Jen just found out that we need security (for all events at the high school). So she is looking into it. Mr. D’Andrea said there is a play that night so security should already be covered. Money sent into the office for tickets (instead of through EventBrite) will be honored. But we are trying to move all tickets to EventBrite. Mr. D’Andrea asked if there was any confusion with start time. We still need a lot of volunteers – SignUp Genius is on the website but will send out a Remind.

Box Tops (Amy Ruppert) – 3rd grade won the first competition. Planning 3 drives this year.

Holiday Expo (Naomi Morissette, Tracy Tweedie, Nicole Long) – This event replaces Holiday Shoppe. Excess stock from Holiday Shoppe will be sold at a dollar table. 30 vendors are signed up with 10 on the waiting list. Nice mix of vendors. Asked vendors to make \$15 donation or donate a raffle item. We have printed flyers that can be distributed around community for advertising.

Redners (Suzanne Finger) – Just completed submission, will be about \$330 dollars.

Wawa hoagie vouchers (Dave King) – About 305 available. Will have them at Turkey Bingo, Holiday Expo

Amazon Smile (Naomi Morissette) – Suggestion during meeting – Search for “Always Smile” through Chrome extensions so that Amazon will automatically always bring up the Amazon Smile site. Will send H&S more info on how to do this so we can add to the website. We receive money quarterly from Amazon.

New business

Community Spirit Nights (Tracy Tweedie and Suzanne Finger) – organizing a week of shopping at Providence Town Center. Working on getting a flyer out.

Family Dance – A new committee that was being formed but the chair had to cancel. We will probably have to table this event until next year unless someone else can take over.

American Education Week – Tuesday the 14th is Parent Visitation from 9:30 am -2 pm. We need people to help check IDs at the door. Several parents volunteered during the meeting.

Other Business and Discussion

Yearbook committee needs volunteers, especially for younger grades. Any help is welcome, even if you can't take pictures. Cannot take pictures during American Education Week because this is an instructional day. H&S can post on facebook and send out a Remind, maybe next week.

Mr. D'Andrea – There is an event next Tuesday, November 14th, at 6:30 pm called "Have You Had the Conversation?" to educate elementary families on drug and alcohol awareness and how to start talking to kids now. November 29 at 6:30 pm is a Math In Focus night at Middle School West

Next meeting is January 9th at 7 PM

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM