

South Elementary Home & School

General Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 12, 2018

The meeting convened at 9:30 AM in the APR

Board members present: Naomi Morissette, Suzanne Finger, Nicole Long, Christine Hayward (arrived after meeting started)

Opening Remarks – Naomi Morissette

Thank you everyone for coming. Introduced board members present.

Principal's Corner – Dave D'Andrea

South was named a Distinguished Title 1 School again. We are in the top 5% of schools for achievement.

Staff Liaison Report

H&S provided K cups to the teacher's lounge this week. Teachers appreciate it and thank everyone. Coupon books for safety patrol are still for sale. Will be selling at the book fair.

Mrs. Dowiak needs lego donations for 5th grade project. If anyone has extra legos that their kids won't play with, please donate.

Reena Kolar – Facilities meeting in October – please get the word out and encourage people to attend. This is not only for South; all schools.

Treasurer's Report

Directories – we did them through Paypal and most payments have been received; this was successful so we're planning on doing again through Paypal next year. Printing cost was \$300.

Direct donations are down (we don't do product sales for fundraising). Parents can donate through envelope sent home or Paypal.

Welcome Back Event was successful.

Trunk or Treat – flyers went out last week. About 100 kids signed up but only 5 or 6 cars signed up for handing out candy. Will need more cars for event to run.

Redners Rewards – Large submission going in today. Submit receipts – 1% comes back to H&S. Receipts can be dated back 3 years.

Ways to Communicate

Website

Facebook Page

Remind – text messages will be sent out with current updates and reminders

Event Chair emails

Weekly email blast

New Events

Boosterthon/Fun Run – New event that is schedule in May. Need to determine how funds will be used for the school so may be put on hold

Family Dance – New event. The event may still need and chair and committee members. Parent at meeting volunteered to help.

Committee Chairs Needed

Basket Raffle Chair for Art Show - We need helpers. One person volunteered to chair basket raffles, however this is a big job and she will need help. Some schools get a chair for each class or grade to help break down the work. Also need person to spearhead food sales.

Spiritwear/Wawa Vouchers – We would like a chair for these events

Family Dance (New) – discussed above

Yearbook (Shadow) – Several members will be moving on next year so we looking for volunteers to shadow this year. Parent at meeting volunteered to help.

Committee Reports

Box Tops (Amy Ruppert) – Current promotion runs until October 25. Please hand in as soon as possible. Discussion about products that contain the most box tops - may include this information with next Box Tops reminder.

South Kids Care (Suzanne Finger) – Will run Nov 5-9. We ask students to bring in donations (gift cards, money, etc). They get to decorate feathers for the turkey when they bring in donations. 100% of donations go to families in need within the community.

Fifth Grade Celebration (Naomi Morissette) – Day to celebrate last year at South. T-shirts are in the process of being ordered. Making plans to figure out where it will be held. Busing cost is significant so we are looking at alternatives to Palmer Park. Question from parent - Can the nurse be a volunteer? Response was yes it can be but need District approval first.

Holiday Expo (Naomi Morissette) – Started this event last year to replace Holiday Shoppe (Holiday Shoppe was removed for various reasons). Last year we had almost 30 vendors. We have about 20 vendors signed up this year so far. We are also working to include food this year (Chick Fil A and food trucks). Would like to offer a table this year to kid entrepreneurs. Since this event runs for 4 hours, we

might split this into hourly increments. The table could either be free, or parent suggested the children can donate an item for a gift basket. Look into putting together Sign Up Genius for this. Parent suggested pictures can be taken with cast of Nutcrackers at local dance studio.

Trunk or Treat – October 27th, discussed above

Yearbook – new parent volunteer

Fun Fair (Reena Kolar) – will be similar to last year. Will need Kona Ice replacement. Fun carnival event at the end of the year that runs the same day as field day.

New business

Community Spirit Nights (Suzanne Finger) – Pizza Stop strict about needing flyers to be stapled to the receipt for donation to count. This decreases the amount of donation we get. We will discuss with them next year. We just received \$73 from Charming Charlie from last year's Spirit Night.

Boosterthon/Fun Run – discussed above

Family Dance – discussed above

Help for family in need (Naomi Morissette) – 5th and 3rd grader lost their mom unexpectedly. We are trying to figure out ways to support the family. H&S has previously donated \$300 to a family that lost a parent. Looking to do something similar now. Today we will need approval for spending the \$300. Motion to approve the \$300 was put forth. Motion was seconded and approved. Parent stated that when donating through GoFundMe, be aware that GoFundMe takes a very large percentage of donations.

Help with fifth grade chorus trip to Harrisburg on March 12th – Mrs. Maximillian has asked if H&S can somehow help with the funding. Is this something H&S is willing to support? We will bring it for approval at next meeting. Parent suggested for them to wear their 5th grade t-shirts.

Parent Advisory Council – Naomi Morissette was asked by Dr. Russell to sit on the council, so if there are issues that anyone would like Naomi to bring up, let her know.

Questions and Discussion

Next meeting - Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.