

South Elementary Home and School Meeting Minutes

Tuesday September 5, 2017 in the Library

The meeting convened at 7 pm

Opening Remarks – Christine Hayward, Naomi Morissette

Christine Hayward welcomed everyone to the regular meeting of the South Elementary Home & School (H&S) meeting and introduced the 2017/2018 board.

Naomi Morissette discussed ways to get involved with H&S.

Principal's Corner – David D'Andrea

Mr. D'Andrea showed some slides on the new website including his profile page.

Topics he briefly discussed include his Twitter feed and PBIS (more information on PBIS to follow)

Staff Liaison Report – Liz Dowiak

3 more days to log reading minutes.

Budget Report – Dave King

Agenda books are provided by Home and School this year.

Direct donations have increased over the years. There is now a PayPal button on the H&S website to facilitate direct donations.

No Holiday Shoppe this year (various reasons were provided as to why it was canceled – anyone can email Mr. D'Andrea for more information).

Giant A+ School Rewards – program starts on September 11th. Register your rewards card if you have not done so in the past - this can be done online (South ID # 24076). Rewards cards do not need to be re-registered every year if the school selection remains the same. Friends and relatives can register as well. Refer to H&S website for more information on how to register your card.

Redner's Save A Tape Program (Suzanne Finger) – South earns 1% back for every receipt tape that you submit from Redner's when you use their rewards card. Save your receipts and send them in to South in plastic baggies. Friends and relatives can send in receipts as well. Refer to H&S website for more information on the Save A Tape program.

Budget increases – There is a \$7,000 - \$8,000 increase in this year's budget in order to spend surplus in balance carried over from last year. Increase is being spent on: monthly assemblies, Fun Fair, nurses for field trip, playground equipment, staff appreciation for PBIS. Also adding a Trunk or Treat in October. Cost per child stays same (\$10/child).

We are incorporating PayPal and Eventbrite this year for payment and event ticketing options for H&S functions.

Amazon Smile – Need to go to Amazon Smile website every time you make a purchase. Money will not go to H&S using the regular Amazon site. Bookmarking the Amazon Smile website helps.

Box Tops – Last year was a slow year for Box Tops.

Spirit Wear – Starts Monday Sept. 11. Expected delivery is mid-October.

Friends and relatives can register for many of these programs as well – Giant A+, Redner's, Amazon Smile, Box Tops, etc.

Ways to Communicate with Home & School - Christine Hayward, Naomi Morissette

Naomi Morissette discussed the use of Google Docs this year. Also, emails (Gmail) have been set up for each event (e.g. Art Show) to facilitate communication with event chairs (can find these email addresses on the H&S website). Much H&S information will be posted on the website, including meeting minutes.

Facebook – Christine Hayward discussed the Facebook page. Will include event reminders, etc.

Remind 101 – Additional way for Home & School to communicate using text blasts for event reminders etc. Currently about 80 people signed up.

Can email all board members using pvsohs@pvsd.org.

Can also volunteer using Sign Up Genius that will be set up for school events.

Committee Reports - Chairs

South Kids Care (Suzanne Finger) – Way to support South families in need. Kids can bring in donations (cash, gifts cards, etc.). Will run from Nov 6th-10th.

5th Grade Celebration (Kim Coleman) – Expect more information at the January H&S meeting. Way for 5th graders to celebrate graduation from South.

Holiday Expo (Naomi Morissette) – Replaces Holiday Shoppe. Dec 2nd from 10 am – 1 pm. Will showcase small businesses etc. that can set up a table to sell gift items. H&S will also be selling excess items from last year's Holiday Shoppe. This is a new event so any suggestions or volunteers are welcome. Options include charging vendors for table, asking for a percentage of their sales, or asking for a donation for a raffle. Maybe give vendors choice of which option works for them. Since this is the first year for this event, this probably won't be a money-making event.

Trunk or Treat – New event this year so H&S is still working out the details. More information to follow.

Family Dance – Another new event this year, so more information to follow.

Yearbook – Can use ReplayIt app to submit photos directly to the yearbook committee from your phone.

Fun Fair (Reena Kolar) – this event requires parent clearances to volunteer, so please be sure to get clearances in advance if you plan to volunteer.

New business

Welcome Back Event – Friday Sept 22. Recommendations for DJ? Maybe just use an iPod and speakers.

Community Spirit Nights (Tracy Tweedie & Suzanne Finger) – Certain nights (or days) that restaurants and/or businesses will donate a portion of their sales to South Home & School.

Five Below Donation (Suzanne Finger) – We reached out to Five Below and they donated balls, hoola hoops and many other toys. We can use for the playground and maybe other incentives. Corporate headquarters made the donation. We might want to consider thank you notes for Five Below and other businesses that donate to Home & School.

Questions and Discussion

Are corporate sponsorships welcome? – Answer is YES!

Are dates for all events already set? – Known dates were sent on first H&S orange flyer that went home

Trunk or Treat – maybe have H&S purchase the candy to avoid food allergy issues.

Adjournment

Next H&S meeting is Tues November 7th in the Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm