

Minutes, Strath Haven Middle School HOME AND SCHOOL

Thursday, January 19, 2017

7:00pm SHMS Library

Call to Order, 7:00 pm, Paula Koziol.

In attendance:

Paula Koziol, Amy Caruso, Kris Laubscher, Chris Matsanka, Brian Fili, Michael Chapman, Natalie Marra, Alicia Kelly, Karen Sharif, Dana Semos, Erin Traverso

Minutes

- Motion to approve the September minutes – Dana Semos
- Seconded by Alicia Kelly
- All in favor, none opposed.
- Motion to approve October minutes – Amy Caruso
- Seconded by Amanda
- All in favor, none opposed
- Motion to approve November minutes – Kris Laubscher
- Seconded by Natalie Marra
- All in favor, none opposed

Treasurer's Report: Kris Laubscher

We currently have \$17,770.27 in the bank.

Teacher Report: Michael Chapman and Brian Fili, 8th Grade Team

- The 6th grade just concluded the Geography Bee
- Congratulations to Annika Sullivan for winning the VFW's social studies writing contest
- The students raised over \$1,000 for MLK day, wrote letters to soldiers and cancer patients, made dog treats, made meals for the homeless and paracords.
- The 7th grade also participated in MLK day by writing letters, making foot coverings and making dog treats. The grade is focusing on the keys to excellence including an elaborate key shaped mural on the floor in the 7th grade hallway.
- The 9th grade got their Connor Holland shirts in time to wear for their MLK day activities. They made dog treats, scarves, capes and sandwiches. They visited several local places to perform their community service activities.
- February 18th is the student-faculty basketball game.
- Throughout the year, 8th grade students are required to complete between 4 and 6 hours of community service. For requirements and more information, refer to Mr. Lynch's website.

Principal Report: Chris Matsanka

- Chris thanked the Home and School Association for the hot chocolate bar. It was again a great success.
- A recent guest speaker came to the school to give a presentation on helping your children cope with anxiety. The presentation was well attended and very successful. There is a link on the special education page of the website to the presentation.
- A special thanks to all the MLK day planners including Lisa Cobb and Wendy Laird.
- The semester ends tomorrow and semester classes will change.

- The school is placing more focus on student recognition including student of the month for each grade and each team. Students recognized for this honor are invited to a special breakfast.
- There are some staff changes
 - Summer O'Donnell is being replaced by Mrs. Hurt who is back from sabbatical
 - Petruzzi is out on maternity leave and will be replaced by Anisa Kahn
 - Massey in 7th grade art is staying as Ms. McMahon is staying longer on sabbatical
- The Brain Show has had limited interest in attendance. Springton Lake and SHMS are looking into ways to modify it to make it more appealing to the students.

Committee Reports

7th Grade Reps:

- the 7th grade dance is coming up. There will be a sign up genius for chaperones and volunteers.
- There was a brief discussion on efforts by the 7th grade parents to raise funds to offset the cost of the trip to Six Flags. Further clarification needs to come from Mr. King.

Book Fair:

- Book fair is tentatively from April 17 to April 21 and will include an online and in person option.

Supply Kits:

- Another vendor has provided a quote for their kits but the group decided to stick with the original vendor. They will begin contacting the elementary schools now to promote the supply kits. It was also suggested that they present at the 5th grade parent orientation night.

Directory Ad Sales:

- The position for directory ad sales is open.

Box Tops:

- Box tops only had \$20.00 to submit in November so they waited to submit and will redeem them all in March

New Business

- It was suggested that the Home and School write hand written thank you notes to those making direct donations. This will happen at a future meeting.
- Next year's vice president position is open

Motion made by Karen Sharif and seconded by Alicia Kelly to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Kris Laubscher/Paula Koziol for Megan Muller.