

Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2018

7:00pm SHMS Library

In attendance: Lynn Meza, Paula Koziol, Alicia Kelly, Amy Caruso, George King, Tracey Beck-Campbell, Sarah Lima, Kristie Beucler, Jackie Felder, Lisa Hill, Alyse Driscoll, Sharon Dunlap, Jackie Felder

REPORTING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order- 7:02
- II. Welcome and Introductions (please sign in)
- III. Approval of November 2017 Minutes, Dana Semos
 - Motion- Tracey Beck-Campbell
 - 2nd—Alicia Kelly
 - All in favor
- IV. Treasurer's Report, Tracey Beck Campbell
 - No questions
- V. Teachers' Report: 8th Grade Team- Lisa Cobb
 - 8th—Flyers for One Haven- raise money for SHMS students
 - January 23- Panera fundraiser- Jack Hontz Endowment Fund
 - Young Playwrights meeting today- mini-festival- 13 scripts performed today
 - 7th- Mock Trial
 - 6th Art- 2 point perspective
 - Save the Date—March 13- Swarthmore Pizza Day
 - MLK Jr. Day of Service- Big success
 - Many students staying after school—Mary Poppins
 - *Funruary*- school spirit
 - End of marking period this Friday, January 19, 2018
- VI. Principal's Report: Mr. King
 - Happy New Year!
 - A lot has happened since November
 - New Assistant Principal- Mr. Steve Krall
 - Teacher at SHMS 12 years
 - Should start next week
 - 2 baby boys born- Sierra Quantin (6th grade Learning Support, Michael Chapman (8th grade Learning Support)
 - Jennifer Kuwahara- 7/8 Math resigned- Building sub- Amanda Haney has taken over during interview process- Should hire soon- Last interview Monday
 - Thank you for the Hot Chocolate Bar- staff really appreciates it
 - Applied Arts Nights- music and art fantastic
 - Wizards-
 - Mr. King helping get teams together (one/school)
 - Mr. King asked staff what should we put proceeds toward?
 - Jack Hontz Fund

- New scoreboard
 - Standing desks
 - STEM materials
- Winterfest (7th) tomorrow night
- Off to a great start- coming to end of 2nd marking period
- Halfway through winter sports

ACTION AGENDA

VII. Exploring Future Activities

- Wish List of Needs, Wants – hand in comments
- **How to engage more parents/families with Home/School; Bring a friend**
- What else are you looking for from Home & School? How can we get more people involved?
 - Maybe people don't know what to expect.
 - Survey parents?
 - Could we improve transition from grade 5 to 6?
 - 5th grade parent orientation over summer
 - Parents aren't aware of opportunities to help out
 - School orientation (May) focuses on academics, facilities, teachers
 - Could we do something in the spring at the elementary schools?
 - Cocktail hour for new families- opportunity to socialize and meet other parents
 - Do we have a calendar of events that is distributed at the beginning of the year? Or even in the spring?
 - Parent Spirit Night
- Family Engagement Advisory Group (Lynn Meza)
 - Group run by Jen Gaudioso
 - Strategy-developing group
 - No homework
 - One-hour, monthly meeting
 - Goal- making sure that all families/students are engaged
 - Summer Survey (2017) assessing family involvement
 - Synthesized, and prioritized parent wants and needs
 - Tonight- started pulling out certain challenges
 - Parents want to know about academic supports outside of the classroom
 - Would love to have more people join.
- Once a month, H & S presidents meet with Dr. Palmer
 - Looking now at how WSSD Home & School Associations can share ideas, resources, etc.
 - Next month will discuss Spirit Wear
 - Good way to share ideas and information
 - Good way to have cross communication

VIII. New Business for Action/Discussion

- How to Proceed - 6th Grade Supply Kit for 2018-2019
 - Cash and carry at 5th grade orientation in May
 - Should we include the calculator or not? Additional \$15
 - Last time, 80% bought it
 - Include in kit
 - Pre-ordering 100. Can order more if needed. Can return if not all sell.
 - Communicate to parents to come early if they want to purchase, and station away from entrance. Sell on the way out instead of way in?
 - Alicia will go ahead and place order.

- Home & School Email Newsletter
 - Need writer for emails and social media
 - Trying to transition to our own email newsletter, in addition to one sent by school
 - In order to do that, parents/families must sign up- people have to subscribe
 - Need to add graduation year so that we can send targeted messages by grade level
 - 40 people signed up- go ahead and start sending
- Volunteer Needs, Spring Events
 - Flyer from Amy

IX. Written Recap of Committee Reports/ Updates : (refer to written recap, no verbal update)

- Box Tops? Have been sitting here for awhile. Need to check on that.
 - Sarah Lima will email Amanda Miller
 - Must be postmarked by March 1
 - Next deadline November 1
- 8th grade/ Kristie Beucler:
 - January 23- Panera, 4:00-8:00
 - 8th grade dance- no info yet
 - Thursday, February 15: Student-Faculty Basketball Bake Sale- sign up genius will go out in eblast tomorrow
- Wizards Game—Amy Caruso
 - Can always use more help- great group of people
 - School games/assemblies March 5
 - Sponsorship opportunities
 - BethAnn Jordan-Kruljac handling ticketing
 - Tickets for sale onlin President’s Day weekend
 - \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door
 - Limited number of Courtside seats- \$25
 - Limited number of comp tickets for volunteer/player/sponsor incentives
 - Michelle Kelly & Patti Roback- concessions
- Spirit Wear – Sarah Lima
 - Need to make a decision on logo
 - Online ordering
- Career Day—Alicia Kelly
 - Still looking for speakers
 - Trades would be great- electrician, plumber, carpenter
 - Speakers give a 40-minute presentation, 3 times
 - Alicia has guidelines she can share
 - The more interactive the better

X. *February Meeting moved to Thursday, Feb. 8*

XI. Adjourn, 8 PM