

## Spring Street PTO Meeting

3/12/2024

Present- Board members: Alissa Ashley-High, Shannon Wall, Greer Croxford, Emily Iannello, Principal Bryan Mabie, Parents: Christine Escobedo, Dana DelDotto, Arvind Batra, Ashley Cameron, Cheryl Bortnick, Teacher representative: Kelly Delaney. Absent-Ben Cooper

- I. Introductions of those present at the meeting including Christine and Dana who are joining the board next year
- II. The meeting minutes from last month were approved.
- III. Financials—these were sent by Ben before the meeting. There were questions about an expense from the book fair, with a need to follow up with Ben. A discussion took place on the operation of the Fun Run, with a desire to continue to explore ways and options of doing this without incurring the heavy expense of our current platform. Other schools use a different platform, so we could explore these platforms and would have to be responsible for staffing the event, marketing, etc. We have a commitment to the current platform for the 2024 Fun Run but want to continue to explore this for possibly the Dis2025 school year.
- IV. Spring Enrichments
  - A. Discussion on ending time—while we planned ahead of these programs that we would want all of the programs to end at 4:30, most programs have communicated that they would like to go until 4:45 since most of the programs cannot start until 3:45. There was concern brought up about problems that sometimes occur at dismissal, sometimes with late parents who show up at 5 or after. This is something we will continue to talk through.
  - B. Discussion on how to proceed with enrichment programs: This has continued to be a very time-consuming task that ends up falling on a few people's shoulders, and the PTO does not make any money off of the programs. This is something we may consider reducing or forgoing altogether; however, enrichments are very popular in the school. Some parents indicated they prefer electronic communications since getting the physical flyers out seems to be difficult sometimes, but we always see an increase in enrollments when those physical flyers go out. For the newsletter, we will now look at sending it out as an entire post on Mr. Mabie's communication, rather than a link that needs to be opened to see if this generates any more views to items sent out.
- V. Fourth grade celebration—This was just a check in that it has been started to be organized between the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and students. The PTO is the "clearinghouse" for donations to this event, and it is a "net zero" expense for the PTO.
- VI. Kids Night Out—this event raised over \$1800 for the Migrant Alliance group and there were somewhere around 70 kids
- VII. Fun Fair
  - A. Baskets—Cheryl Bortnick spoke, she is the only volunteer so far for this item. She is very familiar with this and can do it herself for the most part. She has already generated flyers and is organizing with the high school to get them printed. A change to this year is that she would like to have all donations in BEFORE the week of April break. She would

like to include QR codes on the flyers, so Shannon will forward the info on how to generate those. Cheryl will send out the flyers to be included in the newsletter and Monday folders within the next week or two.

- B. High school student involvement-- Alissa will be reaching out to them
  - C. Food trucks--Ashley is handling this currently. She has already emailed many of the food trucks in town. Greer is going to check into any legalities like licenses that might be required. Ashley will create a flyer with logos of those trucks that will be involved so we can advertise for people to plan to eat at the event and bring cash.
  - D. Fire fighters/police--Ashley will speak with her husband who is a lieutenant about getting this set up. Additionally, Greer is going to check with Emily A. (last year's co-president) about anything else we need to set this up, and she plans to handle communications for setting up the fire truck/police event as well as soliciting any donations from these groups for the silent auction.
  - E. Shrewsbury Club/Teamworks—In the past, these groups have handled the obstacle course at the event. Alissa will contact Shrewsbury Club and Teamworks to enlist their involvement.
  - F. RainDate—There has not been a rain date set at this time. This is something we will discuss offline to decide about, and we will need to let Ashley know so she can communicate this to the participating food trucks
- VIII. Playground improvement—Mr. Mabie brought up a possible project to improve the playground area. The teachers have identified that there needs to be further fencing past the blacktop to help keep the kids more contained. We have discussed in the past being agreeable to a “blacktop rejuvenation,” this particular need could be included with that. Shannon did speak with Jason Molina about the playground funds and there is no timeline on that just yet. In order to use our overage funds that had been earmarked for the playground, we would need to form a financial goals committee (according to the bylaws) that can approve that use.