

Stratton PTO Executive Board Working Session

Monday December 17, 2018

Attendees: Kim VW., Andrea K., Sarah D., Andrea H., Bryn H., K.C.K., Heather M., Amy C., Christina F., Michael H.

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm

Financial Report

Heather has moved \$65,000 into savings and the remaining budget for this year is in the checking account. IRS situation is cleared up and the charges have been clear.

Co-President Report

5th grade STEM book donations have been made and librarian are very excited about the donations. Lending library, also a previous 5th grade gift was also discussed.

Paper newsletter will go out in January ideas are being added. Julie V. will step down from website lead next year. Kelly M. will be notified that we are looking for an apprentice to shadow Julie for the rest of the year.

Fundraising

Many donations were given on Giving Tuesday, and in the future we should figure out how to relay that message to people working for large companies.

Maxima Shopping Day was a success, and Not Your Average Joe's night will be in January. Backpack flyers, Facebook & weekly email will help to spread the word.

Auction planning is underway with a February 28 going live date. The Total Wine donation was discussed. Another reach-out for help with the auction will go out in January.

Enrichment

Circus Smirkus will be in the paper newsletter, to be officially announced. Author Peter Reynolds visit will be May 10, and will also be officially announced in the January newsletter. Preordering books to get signed was also discussed and will be discussed with faculty.

Communications

Lots of posts have happened, and we are still looking for more Twitter follows. Not Your Average Joes email will go out for January. Handling PTO sponsored events/ subcommittees posts were also discussed. Posting SEPAC reminders were also discussed.

Community Events

- Dganit S. will organize Movie Night again this year. It will be schedule for Friday, February 8 with a March 1 snow date.
- Math night is also in the works with a tentative date of March 14. The details are being figured out with the Math team.
- Science night will be March 29.
- SDEIG has reached out to partner with the PTO to host International Night. The PTO has \$400 in the budget for International Night. K.C. will be going to the meeting tomorrow, and will report back. Julie B. (2nd grade teacher) is also looking to help with the planning.

Stay Sharpe

Melissa J. sent out an email to faculty to discuss the details of Stay Sharpe. Younger grades get about half the books back. \$500 is in the budget for Stay Sharpe which will cover the photocopying. 5th grade reads the same book, and it was discussed to keep that and just supplement the class growth.

Book swap is coming in the spring. The plan is to move the Book swap to the fall in the future and the Book Fair to the Spring. Wednesday March 13 will be the Book Swap, upon approval.

Monthly coffee meet up January 11. Math Coaches will be there to present. Other dates and themes were also discussed.

Photo Board has arrived and is waiting to be put up. Sarah D. has most of the photos.

Faculty Report

Steven Levy was here last week (he had 1 day was left on his 2018 contract), and he met with 3rd grade team to revamp Colonial Day.

Pride will be this Thursday and the 4th grade Book Reports will begin after Pride ends.

Principal Items

3rd grade teachers worked hard with Steven Levy to discuss a new revamped Colonial Day/Menotomy Day.

SLC is working with consultants from Lesley and getting feedback and streamline SLC, exciting news. Carlos H., was the guest presenter for district PD, and he also recently worked with just Stratton supporting the idea of optimally inclusive practice.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm