



Schwenksville Elementary School Home and School Association Meeting

Minutes

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1. Review and approve minutes from May 2018 meeting
-Minutes were approved by Stephanie Glover and seconded by Becky Tait.
2. President's Report: Alison Minkon
-Alison thanked everyone for coming to our first meeting and welcomed new attendees.
3. Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Glover
 - a. Review budget for 2018 - 2019 school year
-Truck or Treat and the Winter Dance are now their own line items in the budget. Everything else stayed the same for the most part. The Bell Run will be our number one fundraiser. Our goal is \$15,000. If we meet our goal, we will focus on fun activities and things such as pencil grams and Bingo vs. ordering from catalogs.
4. Teacher Representative(s):
-No teacher representative was present.
5. Recent/Upcoming Events and Topics:
 - a. School Directory: Keith Gilchrist
-Directory orders are due September 28th. Directories should be delivered by the middle of October.
 - b. Welcome Back Picnic: Tara Sell - Thursday, September 27th
-Tara could not be at the meeting. Stephanie provided the update. Orders are due September 21st. Tara has enough volunteers. Mrs. Greco ordered the ice cream from Bruster's. The Title 1 Family Involvement Night will be held in the gym after the picnic.
 - c. Bell Run: Barbara Boyd - Friday, October 12th (Rain date: Monday, October 15th)
-Forms to volunteer will be coming home this week along with the paper donation forms. We are using an online donation platform this year. We keep 100% of the checks and cash received and 90% of online donations. Every child will receive a t-shirt. Dr. Powers advised that the first town hall meeting is September 28th. She asked if anyone would like to come talk about the Bell Run with the students. Stephanie will discuss with Barb.
 - d. Trunk or Treat: Stephanie Glover - Friday, October 26th
-Information will be coming home in the next few weeks. Interested families have already started reaching out to Stephanie.
 - e. Winter Dance: Sarah Nickels - Friday, December 7th
-DJ Gerry Kelly will not be able to DJ the event but another DJ from his company will be coming.
 - f. Variety Show
-Nicole Vozzolo advised that we need of a kindergarten leader. She explained Variety Show to new parents. This year's show will be March 29th.

6. Ongoing Activities:

- a. Garden Club: Becky Tait
-Parents volunteered over the summer to weed every two weeks. There were some drainage issues with the outdoor classroom. Ted Shearba added block to hold the mulch back. We are discussing options for shading the outdoor classroom. The Garden Club will have a table at Parent Involvement Night. Our next meeting is October 4th.
- b. Box Tops, Recycling Program: Amy Michetti
-We currently running a Box Top contest. Box Tops are due by October 25th. There is an app that you can download to earn more box top points.
- c. Amazon and Giant Awards Program: Keith Gilchrist
-Keith explained the programs to new attendees. We have earned \$525 from Amazon so far in 2018, as of the end of August. We earned \$1,600 from Giant for the 2017-2018 school year. Jennifer Hawley advised that Target is advertising for a new school program. Keith will look into this.
- d. Fifth Grade T-shirts:
-Alison is handling this. We will be doing the district wide shirts again. She is working with Mrs. Ledford for sizing information.
- e. Yearbook: Denby Guellich, Lisa Gallagher
-Denby contacted Jostens and they advised that they are rebuilding the ReplayIt App and it is not yet ready, nor did they provide a date for completion. She is going to look into setting up a drop box or something similar so parents can still send pictures.

7. Principal's Report: Barbara Powers

-We hosted a Learning is Fun Together Program this summer for fifty students to help avoid the "summer slide." As of October 16th, the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) will be fully up and running with the kick off being that day. There will be two sessions on PBIS at Meet the Teacher Night. PSSA scores are coming home to parents on Friday. Across the district, math scores went down from the prior year. Language Arts scores were the same as the prior year. In January, Dr. Powers was advised that the federal government will be requiring the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) for fourth graders. We will not know our individual results. There was a bee infestation in the library and Dr. Harrison's classroom. This has been resolved. There is an issue with the temperature in the building that the school and the district are not able to resolve. Some classrooms are very warm while others are very cold. Johnson Controls is coming September 18th to look at it. A therapist from Holcomb Associates will be coming into our school to provide mental health support by providing outpatient therapy for up to six students per week. The therapist is licensed to help students with Medical Access but once credentialed will be able to help students with medical insurance as well. We had \$9,000 in Title 1 funding left over and will be using it to purchase new technology. Some of our iPads are first generation so they will be replaced. As will some old laptops that don't work. Home and School and the school split the cost of a movie license so we can consider having a movie night and charging families a few dollars to attend. Safety drills will be held the last week of September. There will be a consistent, district wide script rolled out in the next few months and response protocol is going to shift. Parents will be notified. The district is working on the language used. Currently we have lock down drills, which the County calls active shooter drills. At the elementary age, we will be using the word intruders, described as people who don't belong whether good or bad. Students will be instructed to stay away from people who don't belong. The district will be using the "Run, Hide, Fight" plan. Dr. Russell prefers the word "Resist" rather than "Fight". Teachers know how to access the school's Public Address system from their cell phones and any phone in the building. There are rally points, safe places and command centers. Our school has two preschool classes from the Intermediate Unit, one for autistic support and one for Head Start. The message may need to change for these classes.

Our next meeting Monday, October 15th.