

Spring Road School PTO Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Attendees: Laura Taylor, Diane Luft, Latham Linstedt, Rich Churchill, Tessa Rasmussen, Jessica DeDeker, Jene Fulcer, Cheryl Gianopoulos

- Meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.
- Latham motioned to approve January minutes and Diane seconded.

- Principal Diane Luft's Report:
 - There was a comparison of the ODRs given out at Spring Road and for the month of January: the total number of major ODRs went from 60 in 2019 to 25 in 2020 and minor ODRs were 27 in 2019 and 54 in 2020. Minors did increase but there was over 50% decrease in majors.
 - The school recently implemented a Zero Voice Volume in Hallway Policy and so there has been extra tickets handed out as staff is rewarding students following the new policy. Staff has noticed it is much calmer in the hallway and students are moving more quickly to get their winter wear on and off so they can get out of the hallway faster. Along with this change was a change in how the lunchroom is dismissed. A timer is now set for 15 minutes after the last student in the grade level sits down. Mr. Cummings has reported that this has led to less waste in garbages and lunchroom staff is noticing students are actually eating all of their lunch instead of taking 1 bite and then throwing it away.
 - Follow up to questions about tax questions: the PTO isn't its own 501(c)3. The recommendation was if we were planning on fulfilling wishlists by giving out gift cards, we should request a receipt from teachers for what their purchases were.
 - Diane showed a short video on an opportunity she was contacted about called Schoolstore.com. She also emailed it to members in attendance for us to look over and see if it might be something we want to pursue.

- Treasurer report
 - Account Balances (as of 2/11/20)
 - Savings: \$7,025.39
 - Checking: \$14434.40
 - Project: \$13,264.95
 - Deposits-
 - \$90.59
 - Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate \$59.76
 - Square1 Art \$30.83
 - Expenses
 - Spring Road School Field Trips - \$1000
 - Matt Willhelm BMX presentation - \$500

- Boys Scout Update
 - They recently had their Pinewood Derby and had 24 kids participate. The Pack is paying for the top 5 kids to race at the next Derby.
 - They are celebrating the Scouts birthday with a Blue & Gold Birthday Party.
 - February outing is Ice Fishing using the new rods received from their January meeting.
 - In April they will be participating in Scouting for Food so be on the watch for bags to be coming.

- They have 11 kids planning on going to camp this summer.
- Social Update
 - BINGO night is coming up. We are still light on the volunteers so Diane will put out a schoology post for that sign up along with Conference Meals and Book Fair.
 - Family Bowling Night is set for March 11th. Jene is going to follow up with Melissa about the kickback from our November bowling outing.
- Teacher Appreciation
 - We held a meeting at the end of January to plan Conference Meals and Teacher Appreciation week.
 - We are bringing in pizza and salad on Tuesday night, and then soup, salad, and sandwiches for Thursday and Friday.
 - For Teacher Appreciation we are booking a coffee truck to bring in drinks for the teachers on Thursday and we are giving each teacher a hot/cold tumbler with the Spring Road Logo on it. We plan on providing a lunch on Wednesday, but we haven't decided what yet. Looking to see what type of donations we can get.
- Wish List Discussion
 - With getting some clarification on how to handle using gift cards to help fulfill the wishlists collected, a discussion was held on how to move forward.
 - It was decided by vote the PTO would offer an additional \$50 reimbursement to teachers to help fulfill their wishlists. They could decide what their priority purchase would be, purchase, and then submit to Latham for reimbursement.
 - Latham is going to send out an email to the staff explaining how to get their \$50.
- Sign Ups
 - Book Fair and Teacher Conference Meal sign ups were created. They went out in the February Newsletter but haven't had much activity. Laura is going to create a post to have Diane put out on schoology to bring attention to them for families.
 - Jessica asked about school Picture day and if volunteers were needed. A sign up will be created for that.
- Meeting Set-up to discuss by-laws and standing rules?
 - Rich is going to send out an email to set up a meeting time to discuss by-laws and standing rules. We are looking at the third week in March
- Additional Business or Discussions
 - Diane asked on behalf of Cheryl, who had to leave, if the PTO would sponsor refreshments for the March 31st author visit. It was approved to use the \$100 budgeted for Read Across America week that is not being used this year.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm.