

Spring Road School PTO Minutes

May 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm.

Attendance: Alanna Smith, Linda Dums, Roxanne Schwandt Knutson, Jessica DeDeker, Chris Harding, Jodi Zehner, Sheila Brucks, Michaela Neitzel, Heather Shebesta, Helen Flint, Teri Meylink

Reports:

Staff Reports

- Mrs. Shebesta reported that Tom Pease will present concert on June 2, 10-11am

Principal Report- Michael Neitzel

- Thanks to the PTO for the decorations and gestures of appreciation during Teacher Appreciation Week
- Staff update: interviewing for 4th and 5th grade positions for next year, hired counselor, speech and language pathologist, and educational assistant for 2016-17 schoolyear
- Kindergarten orientation: 1 hour orientation this year was a challenge, but successful, over ½ of parents attended, noted that there were upset children due to basket giveaway and will change how this is handled if continued in the future
- TimberRattler game on Sunday, 1:05pm
- Fun Run will be held May 26
- No school May 27 and 30
- Tom Pease concert and Kona Ice visit planned for last week of school, Mrs. Shebesta noted that there is some confusion among students about the tickets they receive for chance to win a free Kona Ice, students are thinking the ticket guarantees them a free item. PTO asked Ms. Neitzel to clarify this on announcements for students and send e-mail to teachers to ask them to reiterate with students that it is a drawing.

Treasurer's Report:

Savings Balance: \$2381.86

Checking Balance: \$3759.97

Rollerskating Night Profits:

- September \$63
- October \$69
- November \$58
- December (during winter break) \$15
- January \$55
- February \$55
- March \$29
- April \$47
- May to be held May 26

Expenses:

Arthur Prosek Scholarship Winners

- Payton Mericle \$500

- Taylor Obry \$500

Payment to piano accompanist for instrumental music concert \$75

Teacher Appreciation Meal Expenses to Jessica DeDeker \$219

Tom Pease concert to be paid June 2 \$425

Deposits:

Schwan's Sales Refund \$23.72

Pop Top Refund \$33.28

Walking Trail Fund Deposits:

Box Tops Refund: \$860.40

Square 1 Art Refund: \$75.47

Karen and Leigh Ford donation: \$100

Pieper Electric Co. donation: \$1500

Fun Run Profit to be determined

New Balance: \$50,318.23 (plus money from online account)

It was noted that there was also an expense for retirement gifts (\$94.50) and Kwik Trip cards (\$1100).

April meeting minutes were distributed and approved.

Old Business

Walking Track: Our fundraising goal has been met.

- We have not received quotes yet from contractors. Discussion about timeline for installation. We want to push for installation before school starts, so will let contractors know that installation may begin before baseball season ends.
- Discussion about use of extra funds if available. We could move on to Phase 2, workout stations, or fund other projects as noted in April meeting minutes. Roxanne Schwandt Knutson proposed upgrading playground to turf surface. She provided information from Wilson School's playground project. Ms. Neitzel also mentioned the swings in the playground. District will pay for replacement parts, but not sure this is the safest long-term solution. PTO will look at replacement cost for swings to match the Burke set. It was also noted that PTO provides funds to teachers at the beginning of the school year and need to have this amount available in funds. Members decided to table decision to September meeting after installation of walking trail is complete. We will bank any unused funds for a future project and seek input from families before deciding on new project (walking track phases, playground turf, or others ideas in April minutes).

Fun Run: pizza, movie and popcorn party held this week

Retirement gifts: Lynn Gast will bring cupcakes for retirees on May 23, PTO also giving gifts

Square 1 Art: Delivery went well, last few items still being picked up in office, approximately \$1900 raised

Teacher Appreciation: positive feedback received

Scholarship: reception to be held following meeting

Spirit Wear Days: PTO would like to promote more spirit wear days, decision to implement "Wellness Wednesdays" for spirit wear at Spring Road, Sheila will put announcement on TV, more publicity for promotion next year. Discussion about profit from sales: we don't mark up

the apparel so not fundraiser, suggestion made by Roxanne Schwandt Knutson to seek an alternative printer for small orders if our order is under the 12 required by Eagle Graphics. No decision on this.

New Business

Skate Night: last event of the year Thursday, May 26. Celebration for 5th graders will include a DVD presentation. Leis will be given to all students on arrival. Luau theme was not mentioned in PTO note home so Sheila will advertise this on TV and Ms. Neitzel will include in weekly newsletter.

NJSD parent council: Helen Flint mentioned that she has been attending these meetings as representative for Spring Road parents, along with Jodi Henning. Discussions about bussing, guidance program, recess, budgets, district communication, etc. with district administration and parent representatives from schools. Helen asked for input regarding Spring Road parent concerns: fine arts time to be preserved or increased, healthy lunch and breakfast choices.

Electronic sign: Jodi Zehner is seeking information about cost of new sign out front

Clorox wipes: Roxanne Schwandt Knutson questioned the safety of students using Clorox wipes in the classroom and asked if staff would be willing to consider alternatives.

PTO meeting dates 2016-17: It was noted that PTO voted to keep meetings on third Thursday of each month, with times at 3:30 and 5:30, but this may change with new board members

PTO team: interest expressed by parents in co-presidents and Book Fair chair, but none confirmed.