

Spring Road School PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Attendees: Laura Taylor, Latham Linstedt, Diane Luft, Rich Churchill, Jene Fulcer, Michele Martin, Monica Fergus, Alicia Ernst, Tyler Jefferson, Jessica DeDecker, Lori Mardsen

- Meeting was called to order at 4:39 pm.
- Rich motioned to approve May minutes and Michele seconded.
- Principal Report:
 - Thank you for first day lunch for staff. They really appreciate having one less thing to worry about as they start the school year.
 - Thank you for volunteers for Activity day and the Playground Open House. The help was really appreciated and helped us have a successful fun day!
 - Testing season is almost complete: September is full of assessments for students to see where they are at to help with lesson planning and see where students might need additional help.
 - Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on October 21st, 26th, and 29th and will be virtual again. Letter will be coming home this week. Sign up will start on October 4th.
 - Roadrunner Way Academy will be implemented again this year after a break last year. The Academy is set up to help students learn how to make better choices at school in connection with PBIS. A letter will be coming home this week explaining the Academy.
 - Fire Safety Program will be happening again this year. It won't be in person but will be live-streamed for 1st-3rd graders. Kindergartners will get to tour the fire
- Treasurer report
 - Account Balances (as of 9/28/21)
 - Savings: \$7036.57
 - Checking: \$10530.78
 - Project: \$13,288.99
 - Deposits
 - \$424.85 (\$224.85 Marcos Pizza Night- May 2021, \$200 unclaimed teacher reimbursement)
 - Expenses
 - \$49.95 Laura Taylor (teacher appreciation, retirement gifts)
 - \$1388.51 School Specialty (Rugs)
 - \$1500.00 Cash (Teacher Reimbursement \$50 per staff)
 - \$101.93 Rich Churchill (Staff lunch 1st Day)
- Boys Scout Update
 - In the middle of selling popcorn right now.
 - Working on recruiting this year for the scouts and also for volunteers because some families will be done after this.
 - Boy Scouts are able to use the Gym again this year and will need to sign up through the district website.
- Social Update
 - Michele updated the Alternative Fundraiser sheet and it will be going out October 4-15th. Some suggestions were made about mentioning that we still will be having Eaton's Pizza and Square 1 Art.

- Urban Air Social is October 18th. Spring Road will get back 20% from any admission prices where the families mention Spring Road. This is not a drop off event and parents need to stay for supervision. It was suggested to have students wear Neenah or Spring Road apparel so other families can more easily meet up.
 - She will be contacting the bowling alley to try to set up November's social night.
 - Jessica shared that October 13th is Dairy Queen Night and November 17th will be Noodles & Company. She recommended some advertising ideas: signs for around the school parking lot for parents, a Facebook event that can be shared, talk to high schoolers that have open campus to visit for food. Also for Noodles & Co, catering events count so maybe teachers could organize a lunch order for staff that day.
 - Jessica also shared that the Ice Rink downtown will be having the grand opening at the end of October so that would make a fun family outing for this winter. She also saw something at the movie theater about nights out at the movies for another idea.
- Budget
 - Laura went over some changes from previous year budgets to see what we could eliminate or amounts that should be increased.
 - She will finalize the budget based on discussion and bring to the October meeting for it to be signed.
- Volunteers Needed
 - Co-Chairs needed to run Eaton's Pizza fundraiser. Jessica offered to help mentor/work behind the scenes for the new co-chairs since no one currently on the board has experience running Eaton's.
- Book Fair
 - Diane is going to check with Tera to see if she is planning on running a book fair.
 - With parents not being in the school for conferences it might not be as successful as previous years but the thought was it was important to run at least one of them per year and maybe the PTO could take back over the set up and running of the event. Maybe even coordinate with a read together night during March or some other social event.
- Playground Committee
 - We are going to table until next meeting. Some discussion was held about the best way to go about planning and moving forward with the next steps and if we might have resources in the district or the school to help with grant writing. Michele is going to reach out to her contact at Wisconsin SIBS for assistance.
- Additional Business
 - Alicia brought up about doing a hybrid conferences so parents can have a choice of whether they want to meet virtually or in person. Maybe the district could offer one night for virtual conferences and one night for in person. Michelle shared that district she teaches in (Hortonville) is running them that way this year. It was suggested since it was a district decision, she could reach out to the district office for her feedback since there was an overwhelming large support of virtual conferences last year.
 - Discussion was brought up about what we are using the restaurant night funds for. We would like to use them to help fulfill teacher requests. Last year, the board approved up to \$1000 per semester for teacher requests. If nothing is requested, then the funds will be used to help fulfill the rest of the budget and will also be set aside for the playground improvements.

- Jessica requested teacher wish lists. Since the teacher's favorite lists have already been updated and posted for the year, Diane will ask the teachers to compile an Amazon Wishlist and will put them together in a Google Doc. Since the board doesn't have immediate plans to fulfill those lists, the Google Doc will go out to Jenni and Laura, the room rep chairs, and be distributed to room reps and classroom families for a resource if parents want to help support their child's classroom.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.