

Spring Garden PTO

October 8, 2019

- **Call to Order & Introduction of Members:**
 - PTO President, Mary Taylor, called the meeting to order at 9:17 A.M.
 - Present were members: Mary Taylor, Shanni Wiedl, Elicia Hammell, Michella Cardoso, Cara Sehrig, Karen Gainey, Julie Mock, Veronica DeMarest, Virginia Yanzsa, Iris Alanyali, Dina Torres, Marisela Ali, Wendy Dila, Jessica Russell, Linda Villani
- **Principal's Report**
 - Mr. Smith wasn't at the beginning of the meeting to give a report. He came towards the end of the meeting and answered New Business and Old Business questions. See below.
- **Treasurer's Report –**
 - There were no new transactions to report. Brie Chambers (treasurer) was not able to attend the meeting to give update.
- **Minutes**
 - Minutes from September were approved and passed.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Family Fun Night** – (Secret Life of Pets 2) 2 additional snacks added and pizza will be purchased.
 - **Ram A Thon** – Went really well, Raffle Baskets will be picked on October 18th. T-Shirts were also a big hit this year and even a small profit was made. Next year, “Election year” for theme, kid leaders who are making an impact on the world.
 - **Spirit Wear** – Sale will be starting 10/28-11/8 and flyers will be sent home shortly.
 - **Spring Gardeners Cleanup** – All mulch put down, a wasp nest was found and a tree to be planted by church on a later date once the wasp nest has been removed from the BASD. Kelly Stewart, Hope Alliance and some PTO families helped with the clean up. In Spring will focus more on the back and side area of the school.
 - **Box tops** – Flyers were sent home regarding digital app. We will have a school wide contest this year, if we reach our \$1000 goal – we get to silly string Mr. Smith!
 - **PAC Report** – Iris Alanyali – Traffic outside during pick up/drop off was discussed. Dining services presented at the meeting as well, talked about how to sign up for free/reduced lunch through the basd website. Highschool students are advocating for childhood cancer. Haunted House event at Freedom high school Saturday \$7 10/12 5-9pm and Santa's workshop at freedom you can drop off kids - spare money they collect pennies for patients – leukemia/lymphoma – will email Mr. Smith to see if they will, empower initiative technology – every child gets a chrome book to take home – 8th grade and up this year – 9/20 6th grade and up – and provide internet access to every child as well. Hot spots to be sent home? change teacher in service days where teachers have to submit evidence of learning – want to offer workshops and material for parents for internet safety – common sense media.org and binternetawesome from Google – Shanni asked for district to have a central app or portal for parents more streamlined – send an email to all parents of the school who provided email and have clearances to volunteer
 - **Room Parents** – We had our room parent meeting on October 1 room parent meeting at 7pm. Halloween party is scheduled for October 26th at 2:15 and parade starts at 1:45.
 - **School Store** – Is going really well and we have a lot of volunteers!
 - **Dad's Breakfast** – November 14 8am-9am, will be asking for volunteers to help set up/serve and donate food items. Email will be sent out shortly.
 - **Scholastic Book Fair** - 11/18 evening, 11/19 during conferences – Will be asking for volunteers to set up/tear down and help during the fair hours. Email will be sent out shortly.

- **Holiday Shack** – takes place 2nd week of December – everything is \$2 each. Pet gifts will be added. November 22 wrap day and December 4, if needed an extra day.
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
 - Movie Night
 - Dad’s Breakfast – food donations, help to set up, serve and clean up.
 - Holiday Shack
 - Book Fair
- **Upcoming Dates**
 - 10/9 – No School – Yom Kippur
 - 10/11 – Family Fun Night (Movie Night)
 - 10/14 – No School – Teacher In-Service day
 - 10/25 – Halloween Party and Parade
 - 10/29 – ½ Day Teacher In-Service Day
 - 11/4 – Sky Zone
 - 11/14 – Dad’s Breakfast
- **Old Business**
 - Special Projects: Water Fountains Installation Update – Mr. Smith reported that 3 have been installed. The last one for the All Purpose room will be installed over a holiday break.
 - Update on School Parking and Safety – Mr. Smith has no update. He would like to ask for volunteers (staff/parents) to be part of a committee to lay out issues we still have and present different ideas. If you want to be a part of the committee please send Mr. Smith an email.
 - Bethlehem Halloween Parade – looks like we won’t be able to attend this year. Will plan accordingly for next year.
- **New Business**
 - Middle School Plays – Mr Smith emailed to middle school directors we get invited every few years, decide as a PTO, would it be possible to pay for a performance so that kids can go on a more regular basis – he will see if that’s even possible – so that we can do something more regularly – rotation on middle school performances – will get back to us
 - New Recess Equipment – Mary contacted Mrs.Diebler how much (\$692) on recess equipment for all the grades (playground balls/basketballs/jump ropes) - motion pass to approve funds – Jessica Russell made motion, Marisela Ali 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Bus issues on #73 with re-routing – Mr. Smith will discuss with Bus Transportation to see what else can be done
 - Spring Garden will be under construction this summer – everything will have to be packed up – ripping down ceilings putting in new HVAC and vents in all classrooms will be replaced – humidity control – unsure right now if carpets will be done this summer or next – may impact end of year days (half days)
- **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
 - Open Chair Positions for 2019/2020 School Year (Please refer to Handout)
 - Elicia brought up the fences are not going all the way around the school. Mr. Smith said that the fence project was stalled, and will not be able to get completely fenced in. It is very costly.
- **Shout Outs**
 - Thank you Mrs. Cierech for Heritage Night. It was a fun and well attended event!
 - Thank you to Mrs. Fink, Mr. Siegfried, PTO, Kelly Stewart and Hope Alliance for the Fall Spring Gardeners Clean Up. The school has never looked this good!
- **Adjournment:**
 - President, Mary Taylor, adjourned the meeting at 11:00am.
 - Next PTO Meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00pm.