

# Spring Garden PTO

November 12, 2019

## Spring Garden PTO Meeting

### Attendees:

#### I. Call to Order & Introduction of Members:

- PTO President, Mary Taylor, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- Present were members: Mary Taylor, Monique Lillo Patzer, Jessica Russell, Michella Cardoso, Jen Reynolds, Elicia Hammell-Vasquez, Iris Alanyali, Cindy Levin, Shanni Wiedl, Tracy Haas, Jessica Redline, Monica Maldonado, Brie Chambers

#### II. Principal's Report

- Opportunity for international impact in "Leader in Me" with school survey to be revamped and sent out soon. Spring Garden is apart of the pilot group.
- Parents to register for parent/teacher conferences online
- Mrs. Oplinger will be retiring as of 1/31/20

#### Treasurer's Report –

- \$68453 is total in account, \$25800 is left for this year in operating cash, \$5000 contingency, \$19000 in Special Projects (water fountains \$5k), \$12,000 so far raised for next year's budget, \$4900 in School Rewards

#### III. Minutes

- Minutes from October were approved and passed.

#### IV. Committee Reports:

- **Family Fun Night** – Movie Night went well; had over 100 people show up. Pizza will not be bought again did not make a profit. Snacks will still be included. Sky Zone – 23% less jumpers then last year. \$265 profit. We need to make sure fundraiser link is provided when buying tickets. At least 60 people were not bought through the link.
- **Spirit Wear** – Karen/Shanna – A lot of orders were made, and merchandise arriving soon. Next years theme will be "Leader in Me" Kids who have impacted the world. 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of RAM A THON, will be tied into the theme. Kindergartners will also have those t-shirts given out with same theme.
- **Box tops** – Julie – clipped ones are still good. Reviewing going digital.
- **PAC Report** – Iris –Resilient Bethlehem, in conjunction with United Way, talked about mental health and the Opioid crisis. Learn how to strengthen our teachers, kids and police force. When the brain is in fear mode, it can not learn and react. School staff needs to become aware of signs of trauma in children, and why they lash out. Resilientlehighvalley.org will have videos and emotional learning factors. December 5 will be next meeting.
- **Dad's Breakfast** – 11/14 Jen still looking for donations, sign-ups were sent out. We are not getting enough donations, talks about continuing mom/dad breakfast.

- **School Store** –Allison Zavatone. – will be closing soon for holiday shack. Gift certificates will be available for purchase.
- **Scholastic Book Fair** - Set-up was delivered Friday. Volunteer sign-up went out. Need most help during conference evening hours.
- **Holiday Shack** – Elicia, wrap day 9-11am 11/22, need confirmation on kindergarten holiday shack before sending out flyer.
- **Ram Ringer** – Shanna -Directory went out and went really well.

V. Volunteer Opportunities

- Luminaria Night
- Dad’s Breakfast – food donations, help to set up, serve and clean up.
- Holiday Shack Wrapping
- Book Fair

VI. Upcoming Dates

- 11/14 – Dad’s Breakfast
- 11/18 & 11/19 Half Days, parent teacher conferences
- 11/18 & 11/19 – Book fair during school hours and during conferences
- 11/22 – Holiday Shack Wrapping
- 11/27-12/2 – No School – Thanksgiving Break
- 12/10-12/13 – Holiday Shack

VII. Old Business

- Special Projects: Water Fountains Installation – all are installed
- Update on School Parking and Safety – Todd, navigate app to track kids in case of emergency, on hold.
- Middle School Plays –
- Bus Transportation Issues – Mr. Smith has not heard of any issues lately. We need more drivers. Special Ed bus drivers are super late because of more kids and combined runs. We have enough buses, but drivers are the issues. A new Bus Router dispatcher was hired, and software will be in place shortly to examine routes and make sure it’s running efficiently. Parents concern of unsafe bus drivers and when bus gets into an accident, when will parents be notified.
- New recess equipment came in and was dispersed.

VIII. New Business

- No new business to report

IX. Miscellaneous/Announcements

- Open Chair Positions for 2019/2020 School Year (Please refer to Handout)

X. Adjournment:

- President, Mary Taylor, adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.
- Next PTO Meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 9:15am.