



Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 6, 2023

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Julia Halliday (President), Mr. York (principal), Lara Stout (lower grade teacher rep), Lisa Nielsen (upper grade teacher rep), Becca Bishop (secretary), Jessica Muelleck (communications and president-elect), Jen Preece (teacher support), Patti Harrison (Jog-a-thon), Susan McDougal (co-treasurer), Trina McCarthy (co-treasurer), Amy Bennion (room parents & art contest), Shelley Beck, Katie Ennis **ZOOM:** Amy Kalbes (health and safety), Amber Elkins (Jog-a-thon) **Others:** Amy Burton

Motion to Open: Becca Bishop, Amy Bennion (seconded)

Principal Report:

- Planning for 2023-2024
 - Budgets are submitted and done from the school.
 - Need more kindergartens registered!
 - 1 full day kindergarten, supplemental morning and afternoon sessions (with current numbers, we will have to supplement this).
 - Right now, the ½ days classes have 12-13 kids per class, with 22 in full day.
 - District has changed the capacity of the school because of full day kindergarten and the stage area. Our numbers for capacity have changed.
 - Can only permit for DLI, not for the school because of capacity.
 - Hiring new teachers
 - Losing teachers because of retirement, marriage, moving
- Cafeteria Tables
 - Started having students help wipe the students – this has helped the cafeteria.
 - Can't do more with students because we can't take students from class.
 - Staffing is down even more. We had another resignation and now we have 3 staff members.
 - They are understaffed and the workers are feeling over-worked.
 - 10 hours short a day in the lunchroom (2 four-hour positions, 1 two-hour positions)
- Chinese and Science
 - Students are struggling in science in Chinese.
 - There are strict rules with DLI requirements for how they can teach.
- 1-4 scale is going to be a mind shift for parents and teachers.
 - A 3 is not the same as a C. 3 means that they are meeting expectations.

- Service Project
 - Mobile store was taking to the principal's meeting. It was laid out at the table.
 - Felt like kids on Christmas! This was very exciting for students.
 - Mountain Point Elementary has been getting a lot of Afghan refugees. This is a new building and newer school (not a Title 1 school) – there is a legitimate need.
 - Socks were HUGE! THANK YOU!
 - Email, teachers, and principal sent a HUGE thank you!
 - This school was not on our radar.
 - Benefitted a lot of people. This had a huge impact.
 - 190 packages of socks and underwear. Over 1,450 socks and underwear!
 - Let's do this service project next year!
 - We had a huge number of adult pairs of socks. Smaller socks are needed, but we were able to use the adults and give them to South Valley.
- SCC
 - Landtrust went through and was accepted by the SCC and the district. The board still has to approve it. But it should go through.
 - HEAT was a big problem at the beginning of the school year. Discussion of need to set a high temperature threshold.
 - Multiple students fainted because of the heat.
 - Sunburns, burned legs from slide, etc.
 - Feels like 99-degree threshold: with some stipulations
 - Feels like 99-degree threshold for lunch recess
 - Not apply to jog-a-thon and field day and bigger activities where we have the parent supervisors and better access to water. More eyes on the students.
- IMAGINE MATH
 - Visually stimulating in lower grades
 - Students can use this at home, even during the summer! (Aug. 5- Aug.5)
 - Imagine Math has 2 separate programs.
 - Standards Math (adaptive program)
 - Fluency
 - Helps

LARA STOUT (Teacher Rep)

- Kou
 - Thank you to Trina for the help with Kids Marketplace
 - Maybe don't do best dressed next year.
 - Spin a wheel for a prize.
- Maybe give our instructional coach a budget
- Concern with Math team
 - It should be teachers choosing.
 - By invitation only
 - Talk with the previous grade to find out who would be good.
 - This should be based on math scores.

- There is a difference between Math team and Math tournament.
- Imagine Learning math assessment to help choose students?
 - This could be done where students interested in Math Team, and they have to take an assessment to test.
 - To be granted a license – the students would have a minimum amount that they need to do each week.

Lisa Nielsen (upper grades rep)

- Thank you for parent teacher conference.
- Battle of the Books was successful. Thank you!
- 6th grade celebration
 - Use extra field trip money for 6th grade celebration.
- School of Rock
 - April 11th: 9:30 A.M.
 - Shelley will follow through. 6th grade wants to go.
- Upper grades have been taking the balls from the lower grades.
 - Would upper grades want their own ball cart?
 - This is stored in the kiva.
 - Amy Burton brings the ball cart in the morning.
 - Aids bring the carts back in the afternoon.
 - This is no extra work for the teachers.
 - We will get a cart (unless we hear back from Nielsen) – she will talk with the teachers and get back to us.
- Remind teachers to please turn in RECEIPTS and spend the money that they have!

Bookfair update

- Sold \$7,432 worth of books. Fabulous!

Battle of the Books

- Do we need not offer a book to each student?
 - What kind of budget do we want to use? What scholastic money do we have?
- Make sure we know that both lists are for questions?
- We want them still back-to-back.
- Send out email for help the day of the battle Parent expectations ahead of time.
 - Parents come 5-10 minutes early for instructions.

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- Voting will be done online.

Teacher Appreciation

- PTO gift – gift card, popcorn, treat, etc.
- Teacher appreciation flyer will be going out.
 - Teacher wish list will be on the back.
- HOLLYWOOD RED CARPET from students
 - Nice

- Flower
- Adoring Fan – favorite color
- Note or drawing for teacher!
- Swag day
- VIP breakfast
- Popcorn or drinks
 - Keep in the faculty room because of student allergies.
- Star Treatment
 - Massages, etc.
- VIP luncheon
 - Mr. York will do the food for this.
- DOORS for Teacher Appreciation
 - May 5th

MURAL for Cafeteria

- Southland Blue background on one wall or different walls.
 - Paint sample
- There are different whites in the school.
 - The background is a green subway tile.
- Do we put something above the windows? A saying?
 - Get rid of #southlandstrong
 - Allyson decorates the lunchroom. Does she have an opinion? Talk with Allyson.
- The poster will need to stay because there may be other posters that come later.
- Dry wall – we need to remove them.
 - Patch the holes with the masonry.
- Do this in the summer.

TIME CAPSULE

- We can't find the time capsule, but we don't know the location. Where is it??
- Group of 6th graders are tasked of finding it and whoever finds it will be the school historian.

Next Meeting will be changed to MAY 2nd.

Motion to close: Susan McDougal, Amy Burton (seconded)

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, May 2, 2023 @ 9:30 A.M.