



Parent Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 1, 2022

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), Trina McCarthy (co-treasurer), Amy Bennion (room parents & art contest), Others: Amy Burton, Kiersten Glenn, Lisa Christensen **Via Zoom:** Jen Preece (teacher support), Shelly Beck

Motion to Open:

Julia Halliday, Amy Bennion (second)

Principal Report:

- District rules are that the general rules are that latex balloons are not allowed in school buildings. Food is generally not supposed to be passed out until the end of the day.
 - We don't have serious problems at this point in the whole school, but we do have allergies. We have to be very careful with food brought in.
- Keeping a 50-year-old building takes a lot of time right now
 - Boilers are a constant problem. We have a small leak because it is not a danger to the kids. But the priority is to keep the kids warm. The leak is manageable and behind lock and key, so the kids are safe.
 - The boiler is back on, and the school is warm again. We got a team here quickly to get the school warmer. The portables are fine. They have complete control over a/c and heating.
- Looking for a nighttime custodian. We are full on sweepers, but we don't have adequate adult supervision, so things aren't getting as clean as we would like.
 - Student sweepers focus on the classrooms.
- Kitchen is still short-staffed. Our lunch manager is doing great!
 - What are supply lines with milk? Can we order milk for parties
- Christmas Parties
 - Lunch starts at 11 on early out days
 - Maybe have some parties another day?
- Christmas sing-along
 - Scheduled the sing-along from 9:15 to 10:30
 - Please post these so parents can see them since parents are not invited.

Teacher Reports:

- **LARA STOUT (Lower grades teacher rep):**
 - Thank you for getting the checks out fast
 - Thank you for all that you do
 - COAT RACKS – please let the lower grades know what these are for
 - We have coat racks that are loaner coat racks and gloves
 - Her opinion is to only allow these for students who forgot them at home. We don't want to encourage the students to leave them in the classroom.
 - Emphasize that kids need to take coats out to every recess!!!
 - Lost and Found
 - Post the pictures to social media
 - One location instead of two?
 - Can kids have better access to lost and found
 - PLEASE label the kids clothes!!
 - Battle of the books
 - Reach out to Southland PTO if you do not know who your team leader is
 - Send out the team lists to the teachers. Please do not share.

- **LISA NIELSEN (upper grades teacher rep)**
 - Mrs. McDowell is back! Hooray!
 - No questions about budgets – understand the field trip money
 - 6th grade
 - Space camp is booked in January! Parent notices need to be out before Christmas
 - Maybe a planetarium field trip in the Spring?
 - Plan class parties with room parents
 - Battle of the Books – reach out to Southland PTO if you don't know your team
 - Math Team – less interest with it after school

- **FAN (Chinese Teacher Rep)**
 - Changing the Chinese New Year celebration from 1 days to 2 days to help with scheduling. January 13th and 20th?
 - January 23rd – 1st-3rd grades cultural experience
 - January 24th – 4th-6th grades cultural experience

Marquee Update:

- Nothing is happening with the marquee. We are done waiting for the marquee and we need to do something great with this money.
- Some of the holdup is the money and rules from the State.
- List of ideas of how we could use this money: outdoor area, trophy case, lunch room mural, art display
- Fenced in corner of the school – we want to turn into an outdoor area that classes could use. This is in between the portables. This is a triangle area.
 - Benches? Tables? Seating for 35.

- Beautify this area – full make-over of the area.
 - Changes to landscaping would require district approval
 - Can we involve the students
 - Zero scape the area. Keep the trees. Roses are beautiful. Sprinklers are there.
- This could be constructed by South Valley School. This can be constructed in the woodshop by these students. We try to help commission so that this program can continue.
 - These are built to the standards
 - High quality work
 - Maybe they could the TREX
- This could be a little noisy – but this could be teacher-led
- Don't use the area during testing
- Trophy Case? Maybe have South Valley Students build this? Maybe we could use the extra money if there is some from the outdoor area.
 - Monster Math
 - Musical pictures?
 - Battle of the Books
 - Math Bee
- Art commission with the art teacher?
- Agreement to go ahead with the outdoor area.
 - Shades are NOT a possibility.
 - Mr. York will reach out to them at South Valley to see about getting them to come out and give us ideas.
- Fence clips on the outdoor area to beautify it?
- Vandalism is a problem here. So what can we do to limit vandalism.

Hale Story Weavers:

- March 2nd at 9:15 for lower grades and 10:15 for upper grades.
- \$250 for both shows because we switched to the same day.

Steam Night

- Postponed to January 30th at 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Candy we bought for STEAM NIGHT will be given Simba team (the money was used from the school wide assembly budget).

Christmas Parties:

- 21st is the last day of school for the week. It is short day. There is a sing-along from 9:15-10:45.
- Reach out teachers about when they want the party? Do they want the day of the sing-along or the day before?
- Amy Bennion will send an email to room parents about the parties.
- If Christmas party includes lunch, you NEED to let cafeteria know ASAP (no later than two week before.

Math Team/Math Bee:

- Heather Toponce is heading this up. She has a meeting this week with parent supervisors.
- Mr. York is going to reach out to teachers tomorrow about a Fact Fluency Math Bee
 - This is foundational for all kids and age groups.
 - There are different level requirements for each grade level.
 - K-2 addition/subtraction
 - 3-6 Multiplication and division levels
 - Maybe bring in order of operations
 - Mr. York has seen a lot of success in this.
 - He ran this on a weekly basis and different kids had success
- Imagine math is a great program.
 - Fluency is not included in the requirements for the grant money
 - Local support is great
- When does this begin?

Battle of the Books:

- Prizes are available in the library!
- Teams have been assigned. If you haven't heard your team, reach out to Southland PTO

President-elect:

- Kiersten Glenn may be interested.

Additional Comments:

Motion to close: Becca Bishop (Amy Kalbes – seconded).

Next Meeting: THURSDAY, January 5 @ 9:30 A.M.