

South Orangetown Community Elementary School PTA

William O. Schaefer Elementary School ~ Cottage Lane Elementary School

SOCES PTA General Meeting Minutes Monday, November 13 , 2017 William O. Schaefer 7:00PM

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Review of last Month's meeting minutes motion to accept Andrea 2nd by Marisa

Update from Principals

- Nora Polansky
 - Pirate ship playground open
 - Buddy bench ceremony
 - WOM is Gratitude, launched with assembly
 - Review of new report cards.

- Karen Ramirez
 - WOM is gratitude. Major goal is to give kids a way to practice the words at home.
 - Student Bus Company transported food to food pantry from CLE students
 - Outdoor classroom: furniture is on its way, was delayed.

President Report (Tiffany Morrison)

- PTA family fun night/PTA meeting review, lumped together for convenience
- We received an award for most improved membership for PTA's in our unit.
- Diversity: be on the lookout for events that celebrate diversity in the near future.
How can we weave diversity into our events? Teaching tolerance.
- Big thank you to our volunteers for all your efforts.
- Open to ideas for new fundraisers and ideas
- PARP/RIF coordinator in processes putting together a proposal to completely intergrate what we are doing.

VP Reports

- Alyssa Moloney (WOS)
 - 1st Graders took field trip to Philipsburg Manor

- Kindergarten had an author assembly with Tad Hills
 - 1st Grade had an author assembly with Karen Orloff
 - 2nd grade had an author assembly with Matt Taveres
 - SOCES give back Sept. donated 3 large boxes to Puerto Rico relief
 - October we partnered with Ms. Kolesar to fill 3 large boxes for Soctober
 - November is partnering with Heidi Hill to gather blizzard boxes for Meals on Wheels.
 - Outdoor classroom is still not installed so hopefully we will have grand opening in spring.
 - 4 puzzles were purchased for Ms. Healy's 1st grade classroom
 - Tickets for the Sail Program were obtained
 - Balloons were provided for 1st Grade writers celebration.
- Liz Dudley (CLE)
 - 5Th grade moving up festivities, working on yearbook. 5th grade transition committee.
 - Reminder about SOMS fundraiser, Jets game
 - Looking into Knicks fundraiser in the spring

Secretary Report

- Lisa Connolly (Recording Secretary)
- Tina Albin (Communication Secretary)

Treasurer Report (Andrea Kheocha-on)

- Budget Review and updates
- October balance \$52,293 overstated by about \$7,000 (Field trip money)
- Still looking for vounteers for audit committee

Committee Reports

- Jessica Budway (Events)
 - Boo bingo was awesome
 - Next event in January at WOS
 - February will be the Luau
 - Possible talent show in april or may?? Jessica needs a lot of adult manpower to pull a talent show off
- Kelly Ruby (Fundraising)
 - Cherrydale wrapped up. Just under \$7,000 in profit
 - School store at CLE is running well
 - Looked into kindness fundraiser, will get more info
- Marisa Marrone (membership)
 - 350 members. Kind of at a standstill

- At a standstill with business memberships Can move forward with business memberships but cannot sponsor field day tshirts unless they pay for the entire cost of tshirts
- Alyssa Moloney (enrichment)
 - Germ smart just about finished
 - Sani-hands dispensers

New Business

- Field trip treasury procedures
- Enrichment programs: issues with sign-ups. Times unclear, cant sign up more than 1 child. Many emails went to spam or junk.
- Policy Review: every 3 years required to review policies. Need a group of volunteers to provide feedback and form committee. Has to be done by 4/2018. We need volunteers. Procedures will be put in place for fundraisers and events. Sharon Foley volunteered.
- Heart of Gold recipients: Brenda Boya (Field trip Treasurer) and Marisa Marrone (Membership)

Action items

- Tina please send out communication about Blizzard Boxes
- Kindness fundraiser discuss at next exec meeting
- Follow up to if we can use constant contact or member hub for sign ups
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Meeting adjourned at 8:02