



March 20, 2024: Innovation Spot

Meeting called to order by Krystn Shubitowski at 6:05 p.m.

In Attendance:

Board Members: Krystn Shubitowski, Melissa Mahoney, Kaveri Kanthinmath, Kristin Carr, Rachel Waisanen, Audrey Cox

Absences:

Administrators: Rhonda Henry

Staff Members: Brian Raftery

Attendees: Carrie Bourque, Katie Hartsock

Total Attendees: 10

President's Report: Krystn Shubitowski

- **VP of Events position-** Bree Schwartz is interested, we'd love to have her and would also welcome additional interest, Kristin's **VP of Steam** position will also be open in the fall.
- **Spring Dance-** Largely led by 5th graders. Red carpet theme, Jessica doing a great job and has lots of great things planned, DJ booked, Jessica is partnering with Angel MacDougall and may tie in with teacher appreciation week, Rachel proposed upping the dance decorations budget, last year the full dance budget was not used so money was carried over, discussion about giving a portion of the earnings from the dance tickets to the fifth graders to help with their end of year celebration, Audrey motioned to up the budget from \$200 to \$1000, Rachel second, Rhonda suggested the addition of a small theme related gift such as a necklace, other ideas included bow ties, bracelets, tiaras...
- **Yearbook-** in the works, the link is out and open until April 12th, It's going well, a reminder flyer going home after spring break.
- **Science Fair-** Not a ton of interest so far, may only be online, Rhonda proposed extending the time to submit, Mr. Raftery suggested sharing ideas about science fair projects with the students to get them excited, he said that he would share the idea with the other teachers.
- **Looking ahead-** Krystn would like to get volunteers organized for next year in advance, wishes to get more parents involved, Audrey suggested sending home a form this spring to gather information about interest, Carrie suggested separate emails that point out that there is a sign up attached, paper flyers are helpful, include QR's and address

Principal's Report: Rhonda Henry

- **Leadership Day-** Thurs. March 21st 9-11:15 a.m., students will share their leadership stories, a community event, families encouraged to attend and should sign up, expecting about 80 attendees, provides an opportunity for our students to lead and for others to learn about our leadership model.
- **Spring Family Leader in Me Night-** next one is April 2nd and will cover habits 7 & 8. Finish the Trail of Habits!
- **Spring Assessments-** 3,4, & 5 grades, there is an online practice, and it will be shared with families via her newsletter.
- **Kindergarten Registration and Orientation-** May 3rd, need a PTA table and brief presentation, 9-10:30 (approximately)

Teacher/Staff Report: Brian Raftery

- Thank you for all you do! His daughter is student teaching in Howell and comparing PTA's makes him grateful for our efforts.

Fundraising Initiatives: Audrey Cox

- **Upcoming Fun-raisers-** Urban Air- Monday, April 8 in Livonia, Silver Dairy- May, receiving \$100 from Bellacino's although our actual portion was less than that.
- **Spring Book Fair Results-** We had a great turn-out of families and appreciate the support tremendously, also appreciate all who volunteered, the book fair is a large undertaking, more than estimated, and would not have been possible without those who volunteered their time, a special thank you to Jessie Partridge- Longacre is lucky to have her! We tried a few new practices this time with varied levels of success but, overall, the fair was successful, and we were able to purchase over \$4300 in books and resources for the school.
- **Fun Run Planning Meeting-** after next PTA meeting potentially
- **Spring Swag Sale-** Paused due to complications regarding sales tax

Events, Enrichments, and STEAM Reports: Kristin Carr

- **Math Pentathlon-** program continues until competitions in April and May, planning to get shirts. Division 2 competition on April 6, Shirts have been ordered, families did contribute \$5 towards the shirts, Division 3 in May

Communications Report: Kaveri Kanthimath

Financial Report: Rachel Waisanen

- **Monthly Financial Statement-** Not shared
- **Snack Closet Reimbursement Procedure-** \$300 budget, Rachel motioned, Melissa second

Committee Reports:

Approval of Minutes/Secretary Report: Melissa Mahoney

Reviewed and approved the Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2024.

Minutes submitted by: Kristin, Second by Audrey

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Krystn Second motion: Kristin, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, March 25th in the Media Center.