North Springfield Elementary School PTA

January 10, 2023, 7:00pm

General Membership Meeting

AGENDA

1. Welcome (Lauren)
    a. Spring Grants
    a. Spiritwear
    a. School Supply kits
2. Approval of Minutes (Katelyn)
3. Membership update (Dan)
4. Treasurer's Report (Tiffany)
5. Committee Reports
    a. Fundraising (Bobbi)
        . January Restaurant Nights
        . Bingo/Silent Auction
    a. Enrichment (Caryn)
        . Spelling Bee
        . After School Sports
        . Coding
        . Any club updates
2. Updates from the Administration (Chad)
    a. Outdoor Lighting
2. Upcoming Events
    a. PTA General Membership Meeting (Second Tuesday of the Month)
        . February 14th 7pm
    a. Spelling Bee: February 9th
    a. Silent Auction/BINGO February 24th
    a. Math-a-thon March 2023
    a. Spring Fair May 12th

Chad McRae updates:

- Cameras
- Outdoor lighting
- Soccer being played At night
- Soccer pitch
- Frosted cracks into the pavement
- New soccer nets?

- Other sports equipment?
- Mr kingsberry goes every week to check for general playground maintenance - such as items on the roof
- Bingo night - need to continue to promote
- Lost and found - if not claimed then go to donation (this is the same donation company that picks up donations from the white bins)
    - Which day of the week do they generally pick up the donations?
- Generally, the money returned to the school from the outside donation bins is based upon weight

i. Only for older grades - less kids than last year, but we are optimistic
1. Who will flock for the winner(s)?!

<u>Birthday celebration ideas for potential fundraising:</u>

- could be Incorporated into writing time
- Write about classmates and giving appreciations
- Some of the issues are things like time and financial issues
- What is the status of the new playground equipment?
- No cameras in the lunch room – only in outdoor areas in elementary schools
- Cameras for high and middle schools now in main intersections (not yet at least)

- Money must be spent in different categories for different things (for example: cant use county money for food, but bulk donations can be used for multiple things)

<u>Other Topics:</u>

- The “Virginia field trip in” is coming up
- Almost done with VGA testing
- WIDA testing for second language learners (175 kids out of 500 that will take WIDA testing) – similar to ESOL
- 2023-2024 FCPS board meeting impending, which will reassess testing standards
- Families will have the option to take a survey, which will include options “A, B or C” and you get to decide your preference and then we will come up with some results/statistics to determine a path forward
- Some of this will be related to pandemic and looking back, the issues associated with that and resulting issues vs regular issues that would have occurred were it not for the pandemic
- Dips across the board in teacher and student performance during the pandemic
- At this time, we are able to parallel what the previous levels are

- For example, at the beginning of last year = 20-30% scores were down with testing both at the Fairfax County and North Springfield Elementary Levels across the board
    - they then went down further by roughly 9-12%
- It will be informative to look at things like staff turnover (and reasons why - leaving the school, moving vs early retirement, etc)
- Look at the summer slide and drop in enrollment with students as another data point
- Two fundamental grade levels are 2nd and 3rd grade; these students missed some of the most foundational work - lots of effort into these grades in terms of intervention to catch them up to speed
    - One example is OG type work (traditionally for special ed students)
- Our reading teacher may have helped to identify some of these students with the most need
- We may need to revisit testing standards
    - Is what we're doing working?
- Workshops for math and writing - we are hopeful they will show improvement for students, address any learning gaps (due to COVID or not), and have somewhat already seen some improvement

- The meeting concluded with a vote to adjourn vs not to adjourn
- At 8:02PM Lauren Thorne agreed with the motion to adjourn
- Caryn Chemenski seconded the motion to adjourn
- The meeting ended at 8:03PM
- Next meeting is Tuesday, February 14, 2023