



January 11, 2016 Board Minutes

Board members present: Kim Ambrose, Jen Meiring, Dawn Scheck, Andy Mareska, Becky Paulin, Marsha Stierwalt, Sue Minnec,

Board members absent: Deb Rempert, Deb Nielsen, Jan Wright, Nicholas Davis, Mary Anne Callahan, Melissa Dempsey

Guests: Lisa Hichens and Steve Pearce

Meeting called to order at: 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Lisa Hichens, Superintendent and Steve Pearce were here to discuss Dr. Wright's replacement and gather feedback/input. They are putting together a list of what they are looking for in the new principal by the end of January and hope to have a recommendation for the replacement by the end of February. We can get them more feedback in the next week or so at:

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Approval of 12/7 minutes – tabled until the next meeting.

Treasurer – A. Mareska:

- Cutting the check for the book fair back to Scholastic to take the Scholastic dollars. We need to know what the dollar amount that we gave us is.
- Andy got the Box Tops check (\$805). Never got the Target money. Schwan's check for \$140 is in the office. Dine Arounds aren't doing as well as planned. Gift cards are doing well.
- **January 30 is the next movie night.** There was some confusion about this date.
- Fun Fair: Someone donated cash for the raffle basket purchases. It was deposited. Nancy wants the raffle person to get the money up front to make the purchases. We're not going to do that. We're going to do what we've always done and let her buy it, get the receipts, and turn them in for reimbursement.

1st VP – J. Meiring:

- BIC Meeting recap:
 - Pat Browne, Director of Buildings and Grounds spoke about how they're prioritizing safety compliance projects, capital maintenance and capital improvements, specifically looking at the next four year. A

Survey will be going out to the PTOs in the next few months to find out if additional projects need to be considered at the schools.

- At the upcoming Board of Education meeting, they will discuss those projects, as well as discussions on full-day kindergarten, synthetic turf at the high school, and bond refunding.
- Khan Academy is offering the 2016 LearnStorm Challenge and there was good feedback about it. It's for grades 3-12, and works with kids in math, but also mindset changing. Sounds interesting.
- The STEM School had a very successful Krispy Kreme fundraiser (selling boxes for \$5 each). Raised \$1200.
- CHIP IN is working with homeless families in the district, and mentioned an organization called ReHome that will pick up furniture (and other home items) for donation. They are then given to homeless families when they get into a new home.
- Hoover Wood just had their 2nd annual Holiday Shop, which raised approximately \$2000. They cancelled their FunFair due to lack of help/volunteers, and instead are doing a Funway "fun fair" event.
- A few of the schools do a Family Read program, where a book is chosen and given out to all families, to read together.
- Hoover Wood created a PTO logo that they are now putting on everything that the PTO pays for, so families can see where the money is going.
- CANDO has some game nights coming up at the library on Feb 1 and April 4, as well as some upcoming seminars. See their website or Facebook page if interested.
- Storm is doing their After School Enrichment program in February.
- Storm is about to have its 4th movie night of the year. They do one or two that are themed – for instance, they do a special movie night for 4th and 5th graders only. It is a drop-off event, with teachers and parents chaperoning. These themed events have been very successful.
- Grace McWayne added a "giving back" aspect to their annual Winter Wonderland. It's like a giving tree, where kids coming in to shop can pick a kid (i.e. "7-year-old girl") and buy a little something from them at the Wonderland (while they're buying for their parents) and put it in the donation box right then. It was very successful and a nice way for the kids to give back.
- Louise White is trying to build more of a sense of community with their social media presence...not just asking for volunteers and money.
- In an effort to get more Fun Fair volunteers, Louise White is offering a free wristband to each volunteer. They hope that parents will volunteer to save a little money on the wristbands.

Communications: B. Paulin

- The app is done! It's ready! In the iTunes store! Will send it out to faculty first and will ask them to send themselves an email through the app to test it.
- Yearbook is coming along. Eight 5th grade baby pics have been received. Will keep reminding parents.

Classroom Support: S. Minnec

- Need to start thinking about teacher appreciation – what they may want as a big gift. Marsha said that the year they did the bathroom was huge. The Keurig with the big basket of stuff...that was amazing.

Ways & Means: M. Callahan

- Movie night set for Jan 30. Kids will pick movie from Inside Out, Home, or Hotel Transylvania 2.
- Dine Arouds – not sure how to move forward with Adriana working now. Nothing scheduled for January.
- Book Fair: some small issues regarding back ordered items that we are still working on.
- Fun Fair is on track. Fun Fair Update:
 - Final planning meeting is this Wed. 1/13/15. Decoration construction started last Thursday/Friday.
 - Sorry about the mess in the work room – 7 more weeks. Decorations will be fabulous. Check out the mess in the work room!
 - Games are set, contract is finalized with The Fun Ones. Renting less games, tall slide obstacle course same as winter Olympics luge. Have 4 sponsored games, Initial TKD martial arts, 3 Penguins, Cub Scouts Pack 103 and Chick-Fil-A.
 - PR lost Ed Izanstark EC parent, so Mary Anne, Nancy and Becky filling in. Missed some PR district opportunities, but PR still going out. Save the date post card should be on your fridge. Poster contest and classroom basket collections are under way.
 - Ticket order form family packet will go out Jan. 28th. We will direct market to Storm along with all preschools again.
 - Will work around movie night (Jan 30th) PR for wooden GUS.
 - Announcements and e-mails and GG have gone out.
 - New this year: “Hula Dance Party”. Getting BHS dance team (who does little girl birthday parties) to run hula lesson. Jim Mertes agreed to DJ, so there will be a dance party in gym by stage along with inflatables on left side of gym.
 - Food finalizing, will not combine concession purchasing with movie night, no need. Pizza is ordered, may get hot dogs donated by Sam's and Aldi.
 - Ashley Murtaugh working very hard on getting community donations. BMB Bank making \$500 donation.
 - Pete S agreed to wear The Fun Ones Orca Whale costume (for short time to greet at 5 PM).

- Mr. Park and Mr. Cronin to join dads in selling 50/50 tickets and handing out Leis. Need 1-2 more dads.
- Andy went over new money drawer procedure. Still need 6 i-pads with square.
- EC procedures were written down for Student council and EC staff.
- We will be finalizing game and food names and signs.
- And getting community and family donations for raffles in the next 7 weeks.
- Please contact Nata-Leigh directly for special volunteer positions the night of FF.

President: K. Ambrose

- Dunham Fund update: Kim & Jan met with the director in December. He indicated that grants under \$50K were approved monthly. We have submitted our request. Haven't heard anything yet. We hope to hear something soon.
- Nominating Committee: Kim, Dawn & Jen will each pick someone to help us find replacements. Last year we filled the positions quickly. This year we have some key positions to fill, including President, Secretary, 1st VP and 2nd VP. Melissa is interested in one of the positions.

Meeting adjourned: 7:33pm

Next meeting 2/8/16.