

SHABONEE PTA MEETING MINUTES: October 6, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

Meeting Attendees: Lynn Howard, Shaka Martin, James Kinzer, Kate Riggs, Dr. John Panazzo, Meggan Buchanan, Samantha Diamond, Rivka Daar, Jill Helfand, Lisa Buckley, April Terrien

SCHOOL REPORT (Dr. John Panazzo)

*Parent/ Teacher Conferences coming soon. Parents seem to prefer the ease of the new scheduling system. Many parents signed up to meet with specials teachers. He requests that parents cancel those meetings unless there is a specific topic that needs to be discussed.

*October is Bully Awareness Month. They are working to empower students to stand up to bullies, teacher them how to help if they see it happen.

*Halloween Parties will be held on Zoom.

*PBIS initiative Chromebook charging goals. Students earn a special Dolphin Dollar if they come to school with their Chromebooks charged every day for a full week. The class will earn music at lunch if the entire class completes the challenge.

*Staff is working to help students build up the stamina to make it through an entire day. Distance learning due to the pandemic has altered some students' daily behavior and they are working to help all students readjust to being in school all day.

*Hot Lunch went well. There were no major issues. The vendor needed a little more help.

*Lunch supervisors are only needed on Fridays now as the district was able to hire outside help to cover the open spots.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

President's Report: Shaka Martin and Lynn Howard

The co-presidents are working to support the committees. Budget info was finalized and sent out. Reseller tax forms were finalized.

Vice President's Report: April Terrien

No report.

Treasurer's Report: James Kinzer

Processing Membership payments.

Secretary's Report: Kate Riggs

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Birthday Signs Committee (Shaka Martin)

Off to a great start. Committee currently has 5 volunteers. They raised \$4000 last year.

Book Fair (Lynn Howard reported for her & Tejal Desai)

Book fair will be a Kids Shop fair during conferences. Set up and previews are scheduled for 10/18-19. Kids will preview and take home information (including pricing) on the books they are interested in. Kids can bring money from home to shop the fair on 10/20-21. Tuesday night will be a Parents Shop night. 30 minutes sessions are available, must sign up in advance. Virtual fair to run concurrently. Over 100 submissions were received for student book reviewers. The student reviews will be posted for the fair.

Caring Bulldog (Lynn Howard reported for Cydney Topaz & Maya Friedman)

The committee had their first meeting. They are currently in the process of putting together new family contact information.

Council 27/5K (Lynn Howard & Rivka Daar reported for District 27 PTA Council)
Most successful 5K to date for the 10th Anniversary of the race. 407 registrants going in to race day. Over \$9000 was raised in scholarship funds.

Directory/Membership (Lynn Howard/Marie Samson)
Dues are being paid and processed. Directory access is being granted to new members regularly. ILPTA Member dues were due and paid on 10/1.

Display Cases (Lynn Howard reported for Keera Perumbala)
Starting soon. Paperwork from past years was found and is helpful is starting this committee up again.

Environmental (Rivka Daar)
Plastic bag recycling through the village is available and they're getting more details. They would like to find a way to encourage students to bring in their own bags for the book fair, or to be able to recycle plastic ones.

Family Night (Lynn Howard reported for Kelly Artioli)
Next up is Movie Night in January.

Fundraising (Shaka Martin)
10/12 Tasty Tuesday at City BBQ. There is a way to add promo fliers to the directory. Lynn is looking into this.

Library Aides (Kim Zlatin)
Parent volunteers are able to go into the library again. Sign up genius was created to schedule volunteers.

Room Parent Coordinators (Jill Helfand & April Terrien)
Trying to fill room parent spots for the last four classes. Halloween parties will be on Zoom.

School Supplies (Kate Riggs)
Contract is due in December/January. No updates until then.

Spiritwear (Lisa Buckley, Jill Helfand & Amy Thomas)
Vintage Spiritwear, sold at Family Night, raised \$225. Online store closed last night. There were 96 orders, \$345 was raised. Filled orders should arrive in the next few weeks. Considering a Spring sale or maybe even a year round Square store.

5th Grade Party (Kim Zlatin, Mindy Lamberti, Stacy Mautner)
Budget was given.

Square1 Art (Lisa Buckley & Angie Chmielecki)
No update.

Staff Appreciation (Lynn Howard reported for Dara Owen & Mindy Lamberti)
Custodian Appreciation was last Saturday. The Shabonee PTA gifted Ted, Keith, Monica and Doug gift cards with a thank you note.

Yearbook (Lynn Howard reported for Akua Akuffo & Amanda Lerias)
Yearbooks are still for sale.

NEW BUSINESS

*Halloween: Will the students still be able to vote on Halloween costumes for the Principals? We're hoping yes and working on it.

*District Wide Philanthropic Coat Drive. Hopefully, large bins will be placed in the vestibules of all schools for parents to donate coats and other winter items. Dates are TBD.

*Post Halloween Candy Drive. Waiting to hear back on if this will be allowed this year.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:23am. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10 at 9:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Riggs