

## **SHABONEE PTA MEETING MINUTES: December 8, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 am.

Meeting Attendees: Lynn Howard, Shaka Martin, James Kinzer, Kate Riggs, Dr. John Panozzo, Jill Helfand, April Terrien, Samantha Diamond, Lisa Buckley

### **SCHOOL REPORT** (Dr. John Panozzo)

Report cards are available, electronically. The report cards will also be mailed home at the end of the year - so people can have copies either digitally or on paper, for their records.

4th and 5th band performances are tonight and tomorrow, at Wood Oaks. He is very excited to be able to host these in-person events.

Terra Nova testing started. They are online this year. The tests are going well.

School supply lists have been distributed to teachers for updates and recommendations.

The classes are looking forward to the Winter Holiday Classroom parties, on 12/17.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

President's Report: Shaka Martin and Lynn Howard

Things are going well. Presidents are always available for questions. Volunteers for hot lunch and lunch supervisors still needed. They are looking ahead to 2022 and getting excited to plan more PTA events.

Vice President's Report: April Terrien

No report.

Treasurer's Report: James Kinzer

A treasurer email address and Zelle account have been set up. Both are easy for parents to use and will make it easier to pass items of importance on to the next treasurer.

Secretary's Report: Kate Riggs

No report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Birthday Signs Committee (Shaka Martin)

Going really well. Promoting in the weekly newsletter helps. Good on volunteers and the sign ups are continuous.

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

Preparing for the fair next fall. They would love to have a kid-shop fair again. There was a slight hold up with the pre-orders but they have come in and should be going home with students soon.

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

New students starting in January. The committee will reach out to welcome them.

Council 27/5K (April Terrien reported for District 27 PTA Council)

The Coat Drive was a huge success. Over 55 families (200 coats) were collected and donated. Thank you to all of the donors! It really made a difference for a lot of people this winter.

Directory/Membership (Lynn Howard reported for her and Marie Samson)

New membership has slowed down but some are still trickling in. They are added as they come in.

Display Cases (Lynn Howard reported for Keera Perumbala)

Sign up forms have been placed in the library. An online form might also be created. Will post more information in the principals email.

Two collections are currently on display: Beanie Babies and Origami.

Environmental (Lynn Howard reported for Rivka Daar)

Council is setting up a new recycling program for used markers, pens, glue stick containers, etc. Looking forward to starting this program as soon as there is approval from all three schools.

Family Night (Lynn Howard reported for Kelly Artioli)

Planning a trivia night! The kids can form teams and compete in Disney princess and villain trivia. Jan. 29, 3:30pm-5:30. More info coming soon.

Also hoping to plan a 2nd grade & Shabonee joint family night for April. Hoping to maybe have an outdoor event but offer brief tours of the school. More details to come.

Fundraising (Shaka Martin)

Tasty Tuesday - Mod Pizza, next Tuesday

Penguin Patch - working on details to maybe host a pop up shop in April, for Mother's Day.

Library Aides (Lynn Howard reporting for Kim Zlatin)

Good on volunteers.

Room Parent Coordinators (Jill Helfand reported for her & April Terrien)

There were some issues in getting the room parents prepared to collect gift money for their teachers but most of it seems to be worked out. Gift collections are underway and room parents are preparing for the next classroom party, on 12/17.

School Supplies (Kate Riggs)

Working with Dr. Panozzo to update the supply lists and start the ordering process.

Spiritwear (Jill Helfand reported for herself, Lisa Buckley & Amy Thomas)

Hoping to do a spring drive - maybe for the Family Night with the 2nd graders so they can purchase items too.

5th Grade Party (Lynn Howard reported for Kim Zlatin, Mindy Lamberti, Stacy Mautner)

Starting to look into the plans for this year.

Square1 Art (Lisa Buckley reported for herself & Angie Chmieleski)

Might try to work out a hybrid home and at school option for the students. Starting to plan now for the spring Square 1 Art event.

Staff Appreciation (Lynn Howard reported for Dara Owen & Mindy Lamberti)

Hot Cocoa bar next week as a holiday celebrating for the staff.

Yearbook (Lynn Howard reported for Akua Akuffo & Amanda Lerias)

Working on the back end of the book. Still available to order.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Happy Holidays & a Happy New Year to everyone!

\*\*The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12 at 9:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Riggs