



Sartorette Home and School Club

General Meeting Notes

December 15, 2015

7pm

A. Call to Order: 7:05pm

B. Introductions: All Board members present

C. HSC Statement: Welcome to mtg. Review conduct for mtg. Emotions are high. Ask to be safe, responsible, respectful. Please respect code of conduct. Objectives of HSC are: assist, liason b/w home & school, follow article III. Happy to hear concerns. HSC is non-technical, social. Ask 5 mins. to speak, allow to finish w/o interruptions.

D. Open Floor: Linh Nyugen (Asst. Superintendent of Ed. Services). Reiterate HSC objectives. HSC enriches community. Here for concerns/questions, respond to questions, clarification. Acknowledging communication needs to be transparent. Uphold 1st Amendment rights. School is a public institution. Follow state mandates, federal law. Interpretation is vague. How do laws pertain to community? How do we make it inclusive? Provide equal access to whatever is presented.

Question from floor: As a whole, how is every child included? Overlaps? How do you satisfy everyone? Make it equal? Keep traditions for those who have enjoyed?

Answer (Nyugen): It's an evolution. Need to recognize traditions. How do we balance old & new? May not be completely balanced. Can be challenging, how to include, make an effort to address everyone. We don't have all the answers. Instruction required by the State need to be met. Social standards are up for debate. Conclusion, all needs to be addressed. Cannot have too much influence of one culture over another.

Question from floor: This is about religious traditions. My kids were taught about intolerance. Who has the power to make a decision that affects many? Empower children to learn about many cultures even if you don't believe in it. Talk about the differences.

Answer (Nyugen): Appreciate the input. Need to teach respect, how to get along. Important to know what is appropriate at each grade level. Take into consideration child's age, developmentally appropriate, parents need to talk to their children. Be careful one tradition does not overpower everything.

Question from floor: This tradition makes me uncomfortable. What is the moral here? Spirit of the holiday, secular, giving. We don't always have to agree with the principal or the district. We need to be tolerant of both sides. Empower the children to go and experience. They won't be defined by 1 field trip but rather a parent's relationship for the coming years.

Comment from floor: This is a 2 way street. There is a fear. Santa is commercial. I am upset the way this issue was handled. Need to have better planning instead of abruptness.

Comment from floor: I am removed from the situation. The frustration of the parents has been building. A decision was made with no parent input. This is not Santa based. Write a letter to whoever, a walking field trip, have hot chocolate. Frustrated with having no input, sides being taken with no knowledge of the facts. This is not a religious issue. We already have a broad educational aspect in place.

Comment from floor: Communication has been an issue. Concerns brought to site administrator, then the superintendent.

Comment from floor (Kristi Schiewbert): I am listening/talking to parents. Need to raise children who are tolerate. We want great memories for them. Communication was the #1 issue. Dr. Andrews letter touched on that. Cannot fix or mend this. Commitment to improvement. Break will be good to refresh/restart.

E. Approval of November Minutes: M. York motions, N. Alejandro seconds

F. Principal's Report: Kristi Schiewbert Enjoyed time here at lovely school. Filling in for Mr. Johnson. Community mtg. Jan. 14, 2016 5:30-6:30pm at Professional Development Center.

G. Teacher Representative Report: Girls on the Run: 13 sign ups. Training begins end of February to May. There is room for 2-3 more girls. Teacher's luncheon was the best ever, please keep them coming!

H. HSC Board Reports

1. Presidents' Report: Not enough volunteers. Working on form to disclose all volunteer opportunities. Great turn out for Polar Express. Walk-A-Thon in April. Will have international theme. Hope there is excitement. Will be on Earth Day with food & events. Need lots of help.

2. VP Report: Nothing to report.

3. Treasurer Report: \$32K in acct., \$11K payment for Motor Skills, subsidize field trips. Pete will reconcile over the break.

4. Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

5. Auditor Report: Open

6. Parliamentarian Report: Nothing to report

I. Committee Reports

A. Committees & Open Chair Positions

Book Fair: Short of goal by \$75. \$1K (for motor skills, library). Good event, needs to have someone step up to be chairperson, needs to be trained.

Father/Daughter Dance: Great turnout, winter wonderland theme, lots of fun, great attire worn.

Polar Express/Adopt A Family: Benefited foster children in our community. Approx. 100-125 people in attendance. Thanks to Johst family for donating \$100 Grocery Outlet gift card. Venue met needs of kids, covered costs, surplus \$ was sent to Giving Tree.

Family Dinner Night: Chili's: No numbers back yet. Round Table approx. \$300. Next night is Panda Express – Jan. 12th 12pm-9pm.

Superstar Giving Tree Update: Not a high amount of donations, deadline Weds. Coordinator needs to process & distribute funds. 19 individuals that need to be assisted. Most of these people's main meal is the school free lunch. Scrip can be purchased for the Giving Tree. Would like to see a Sign Up Genius for those who do not come onto campus.

Coin Challenge: Started to sort & count. Hoping it will total to a few thousand dollars.

Giving Campaign: Not at the level we wanted. This funds Motor Skills, Teacher's Allowance, Field Trips. Would like to continue to fund these things. Having it in the beginning of the year has been a great change, well embraced. We are following the model of other school's in our district.

Volunteering: We need more parent involvement. Maybe suggest having a HSC representative contact room reps. Maybe have room parent coordinate volunteers for school

events. Sign up genius with event details is very helpful like the teacher's luncheon format.
Comment (K. Schwiebert): Have ideas to engage involve parents/families.

ADJOURN: 8:11pm