

Hall School PTO Meeting
March 21 6:30-7:30pm
Meeting Minutes

1. Hall Updates from Dawn
 - Dawn not able to attend this evening – at another meeting
2. Recent Events and Updates
 - a. Winterfest
 - b. Calendar Raffle
 - Renee – teacher feedback – would like to see more kid-friendly prizes to get kids more engaged in selling
 - Hopeful that we will have more participation next year to help with getting more prizes
 - Tina is happy to reach out to people for donations for calendar raffle next year – would suggest reaching out at the end of the summer because that’s when calendar years start
 - Laura suggested we do a countdown on Facebook to generate more sales
 - c. Clynk – last turn in day is April 24th
 - Requests that come in for Clynk bags go to Amanda Butcher
 - We are currently 9th in the contest, out of 56 schools
 - Make it easier for people to print stickers or provide the stickers
 - Who is doing Thursday folders tomorrow night? Melissa could type up a half sheet reminder. Can use the photocopiers here at school and stuff the half sheets in the teacher mailboxes to get in the Thursday folders
 - d. Flatbread Night
 - e. Bookfair – feedback on the Scholastic dollars for students
 - Question from Renee – how did we decide on amount? Was \$15 too much to offer? Goal was to allow students to not have to worry about the cost of books. Dawn went around to check in with teachers and make sure that kids had the vouchers they needed to be able to get books. Teachers also got emails to make sure they had enough vouchers.
3. Budget Review
 - Katie - We have raised \$18,009 so far this year
 - Calendar raffle has brought in \$1,068
 - Direct Appeal – good success, still dribbling in - just a bit shy of that goal
 - Flatbread - \$514 earned
 - Gelato Fiasco coming up – April 10
 - Winterfest - \$4,337 (\$1,300 over goal of \$3,000 profit)
 - 5K also came in above goal – intended to have \$4,000 in income, brought in \$5,533
 - Expenses were \$2200ish

- Will need to have some consideration over finish line based on where the construction is
 - In good shape overall
 - Goal is to raise another \$12K
 - Sea Dogs tickets – the cost will balance out profit (cancel out)
 - Walk a thon is usually good for \$7K
 - Do not yet have numbers in there for fall and spring book fair
 - So really, looking at about \$10K needing to come in, \$7K of which will be walk a thon
 - Calendar raffle goal was \$2,000, sure we will meet that
 - Another Happy Wheels night coming, more box tops money
4. New Business
- a. Greening Day
 - Would teachers still be interested in having this happen? Renee Orcutt believes so.
 - Is this the same as the Day of Caring? Should it be?
 - If we can coordinate, we can get \$500 from Kohls as well
 - Day of Caring - May 18th, let's plan on that for the greening day
 - Laura gives overview of the greening program
 - Get as many classes outside to participate as possible
 - Have done school cleanup and planting done in the same week before – can be picking up garbage, raking, etc
 - Kids can harvest in the fall
 - b. Walking bus
 - Tina Mikkelsen – Walking School Bus targets kids with high degree of tardiness and absenteeism. They have some volunteers, but need some additional people to volunteer one day a week from 8am to 8:45. Hope is to encourage parents to get their kids up and ready to get to school and learn. This is targeting Sagamore Village and the walk through the path and across the playground.
 - We will place in our newsletter to seek volunteers.
 - Volunteers will need to be screened (only a one or two day process now)
 - Need a total of 4-5 volunteers per day plus a sub list.
 - c. Gelato Fiasco
 - d. Happy Wheels
 - e. Sea Dogs Night
 - f. Walk a Thon
 - g. New Playground
 - Laura shows plans
 - There are some pieces that will need to be fundraised for locally – Laura will tally up what we are looking for after accounting for state and locally funded portions

- Laura will piece together – “here’s what the state paid for, here’s what the city paid for, here’s what remains” and try to fundraise
 - Playhouse, picnic table, sand table, water feature are the types of items. Disc swing as well
 - Will include a tree house – first graders petitioned for a tree house and they designed one ADA accessible
- h. Ground Breaking Committee
 - Need a committee formed to plan a groundbreaking, to include students and surrounding community.
 - What does a groundbreaking look like? Could the 4th graders who were displaced kindergarteners, be putting shovels in the ground?
 - Timing? Bids opened mid-to-late April and should be a fairly quick selection process so construction can start right away. Groundbreaking in early May.
 - Ideas – Laura – find a way to get every kid to put a shovel in the ground. Could measure out around the tree or the footprint of the building – this would be very engaging and the kids could have a part of it.
 - We could get hard hats, have lots of hot dogs.
 - Time capsule or cornerstone would be another idea
- i. New PTO Officers for Next Year

5. Upcoming Events

- a. Community Potluck? Bingo?

6. Other:

- a. Chewonki, 5th grade leadership/teambuilding
 - i. These get booked ahead – spring for following spring