



Mill Street Home and School
Parent Association and Board Meeting Agenda
Tues Jan 17, 2017

Meeting started at 7:12pm. Participants: Christine Trendel, Robyn Rippel, Mrs Widlacki, Ms Spethman, Kelly O'Malley, Eunice Chaney, Tonya Schmidt, Jen Weber, Maureen Matuszweski, Bud Rashidian, Heather Queen, Kristin Porter, Karin Simons, Cindy Smucker, Monika Bicker, Daneen Van Hying, Phil Hofmann, Jesse Medina, Amy Rossi, Beth Wolf-Senall, Dani Bourgeois, Lori Toscano, Glen Hickman, Greg Sawicki, Lyla Sawicki, Sharon Hsu 26 total

Principal's Report – Robyn Rippel

Mrs. Rippel thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight. Robyn asked everyone to keep the meeting focused on appropriate H&S information. Any specific concerns regarding your child can be brought to her for a sit-down meeting.

Introduced Charles Cush, Our District 203 rep. Dist 203 is having two sessions this week Wed and Thurs regarding Social/Emotional Learning. Please attend if possible.

Thank you for the new T Shirts. All students and staff. This helps to promote unity and pride.

Sue Salness will be the new Principal starting July 1. Sue Salness will begin to meet regularly with Principal Rippel to make sure they are ready to go. She will be making visits for various school meetings. She will be here March 14 at 1:15pm at the next H&S General Meeting.

She reviewed Institute Day and talked about how teachers have development time on school improvement goals. They always drive these meetings around school improvement goals. The teachers had 4 sessions and they worked together. They also had the Mill St teaching Coach at this meeting.

Open House is Jan 26 – we hope to see you there. The kids will be so proud!

Question asked - re water testing in IL? Robyn said she is not aware of any problems. Charles Cush mentioned that the schools were cleared of no issues last summer 2016. They already did water testing.

Secretary's Report – Daneen Van Hying

Approve minutes from Nov 2016 meeting. A.R. made the motion to approve. H. Q. made the 2nd motion. The minutes are approved.

Announced that the minutes will now be available after each General H&S meeting on the Mill Street website. Reminder to all to have any MM info sent by Friday at 12:00pm for the following Monday.

Treasurer's Report – Monika Bicker

New budget announced. The account balance was mentioned - \$34,384.94

Box Tops raised \$663 – great. Manna was \$450 and another Manna will run in May 2017.

Field Trips - \$4300 has been paid and still 3 grades still to pay.

Assembly - \$2700 this year – we have a budget of \$4500.

Vice President's Report -Cindy Smucker

The needs for the winter clothing were met – complete in Dec. Thank you! We are proud of our generous school community.

New chair positions for next year are being identified now. Open for next year: Manna, Pony Express, Fun Fair, Night Out, Spring Book Fair, Spirit Wear, Science Club, Plant Sale, Movie Night and Box Tops.

We are hoping to see more parents involved in chair positions and volunteering. Going forward all parents who have an e mail listed will receive notice on volunteer needs. You can ask to not receive the e mails if you wish.

Question - re winter clothing needs being completed earlier in year. They will try to start process sooner next fall 2017. They hope to get donations at the end of this winter to help with a faster start next fall.

President's Report – Kelly O'Malley and Tonya Schmidt

Kindergarten Registration is underway. Please let your neighbors know! March 7 is K Preview!

Thank you Papa John's Pizza for the donated pizza tonight and Jen Weber!!

Summer School has lots of times/days available for this summer's program. Info available now.

Reviewed Survey results on School Day – Still doing analysis. No change will take place for us until 2018/19. The High School may begin late start every Wednesday this Fall if passed on a future vote.

Digital Learning – Grades 2-5 will be receiving Chrome Books. K-1 will receive I Pads, younger grades will keep computers in school.

New School Photo vendor will be hired for next year. They are now working on it. There were many issues with shipping fees, quality, etc.

Teacher Liaison Report – Mrs. Widlacki

A big Thank You from the staff on the new T Shirts!! Happy every student felt equal. Thank you also for the Adult Social sponsorships! Great.

Very thankful for all of the volunteers: Watch Dogs, Parties, and financial help for students

Committee Reports

Book Fair – Mary Ann Willing and Eunice Chaney

Next Book Fair in Feb! Looking for volunteers. Wild About Books is the theme.

SFCP – Kristin Fitzgerald and Lori Torcasio

Candy Cane Caring – Thank you! \$1175 raised to help Mill families in need!

New Club “Success” Feb 2 Next Meeting, New Club, African American families meet and talk. Helps all kids succeed!

Inside Out Club – New Club Kicking off K-2, First Meeting Feb 1 , Flyers went home, Club creates empathy to understand our community

Mill Street Cares Backpacks Thank you!! 27 families received food from two churches over the Holiday! Looking for new churches for Spring. Will work on sending 1 backpack at a time in the future due to the heavy weight.

One Book/One School! Jan 27 is Launch assembly. They will have prizes, reading goals through the program. March 2 will be final event.

New Family Buddy Program -Need volunteers to be a “buddy” to new K families or new families who have recently moved here. Volunteers paired with new family to help explain how the school and programs work.

Publications

Yearbook – Merideth Day, Angie Baldinger

18 Yearbooks will be provided this Spring from donations! Great! Thank you

School Events

Hospitality – Heather Wolf, Sarah Carlson, Lauren Ferguson

Next event will be Spring Conferences

Mill St Night Out – Jen Weber

Next week is Zoup Kitchen!! 5-8PM Wed Jan 25, 25% will be donated to H&S

Movie Nights – A. Rossi and S. Hoag

March 10 is next Movie Night. 3-5th Grades this time! Popcorn will be donated by Hollywood Palms.

Student Enrichment

Junior Great Books – Julie Hoffman

92 Students have signed up. Good response. Looking forward to this program to begin soon.

Lego – Jen Weber

Club starts on Monday! Still a few spots open.

Science Club- S. Hoag, B. Bava, L. Cook

3-5 Grade Group. CSI unit this Wed! Need new co-chairs for next year.

Fundraising

Adult Social – M. Matuszewki and B. Rashidian

86 people have bought tickets! 20 Sponsored teachers coming. They have had lots of help from H&S.

Hoping to get more tickets sold over next few weeks!

Discussed recent flyer and original post card was sent home in Spanish.

Participant suggested an item for event should be 1st row of 5th grade play or extra Watch Dog days

Box tops- Heather Queen

Feb 6-10th is the next collection. She is looking into Tyson Labels as a new option. \$.25 per label

Plant Sale ,Spring- Sarah Hoag, Laura Thorne

Looking for volunteers! Please join us if you enjoy plants/gardening! They plan to offer more baskets and herbs this year.

New Business

Ms Spethman: Transitioning the LRC to LC (Learning Commons)

This is a new buzz word, Learning Commons! Kids today are learning different. She showed a slide show on LC. She also displayed an example of using Maker Space, a fun way for kids to present information using technology. Talked about how the area is more mobile with everything and lots of collaborative work and projects. Working within the LC is a great way to see kid's strengths outside of their classrooms!!

Phil Hoffmann, Stage203

Parent, Phil Hoffmann explained how the group supports Talented & Gifted programs. It's a parent led group. They offer helpful information during their meetings, FB posts, summer fair, etc. New meeting is Feb 7 for the Jr High grades and March 7 for Elementary.

Summary

Kelly O'Malley closed the meeting. The school improvement goals were included at the end of agenda sheet.

Adjourn 8:41PM

Submitted: Daneen Van Hying

For any questions related to Home & School you may contact the Co-Presidents, Kelly O'Malley and Tonya Schmidt at millstreeths@gmail.com