

Home & SCHOOL

Mill Street Elementary School

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Parent Association and Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Meeting started at 9:04 a.m. Participants: Eunice Chaney, Amberle Heath, Sandy Markle, Jen Weber, Heather Queen, Tonya Schmidt, Jackie Barkdoll, Sarah Diaz, Cindy Smucker, Kelly O'Malley, Melissa Scacco, Sarah Alaimo, Lori Torcasio, Kristie Coyle, Angie Langman, Melissa, Zbiegiel, Kate Connolly, Amy Swiatek, Carly Nguyen, Beth Wolf-Senall, Dani Bourgeois

Digital Learning Presentation

Ms. Sweeney- Students in grades 2-5 have school issued Chrome books and the student home page has multiple sites to support learning in the classroom and at home. Students can also use Google Chrome to access Canvas with their login and password on any device through the Mill Street School website. The district has paid for access to sites such as IXL, Dreambox, MyOn Reader etc. and all sign-in information will come directly from the teacher beginning in Kindergarten. Students can also access the Learning Commons resources by clicking on the LC site image. This is an excellent way to re-direct screen time to research based applications that support digital learning.

Mrs. Lehmann-Google Drive is being used in grades 2-5 and is based on student and teacher skill sets. All students have their own Google Drive and Google Suite, which automatically saves the student's work. Students work within Google Docs, Slides, Drawings, and Forms. All folders in each student's Google Suite is shared with teachers and accessed daily and a color coding system is used to navigate between different subjects. Students collaborate with each other via Google Docs and Slides. Game based learning programs are also used, which give students instant feedback and instruction to meet their learning needs through engaging experiences. Google Drive logins and passwords will stay with the students from K-12.

Principal's Report- Mrs. Salness

Welcome, I would like to start with Celebrations since we have last met. We have had a successful Outdoor Ed, Red Ribbon Week, and Halloween was a fun day. We had a great SUCCESS technology night and we may open a technology night to all families in the school in the future. A wonderful Veteran's Day Assembly where Veterans were given the opportunity to speak. Fun Fair went well. The fifth-grade musical is tonight, Educational Support Staff Day is November 15. Movie Night is on Friday as well as access to report cards via Infinite Campus. There will be a band/orchestra concert in early December and no school on November 22-24.

Our school is a Title One school due to the number of students below the poverty line or receiving free or reduced lunches. An after-school reading program is starting on Tuesdays and Thursdays for ten weeks to focus on reading comprehension to approximately 40 students with six staff members. Bussing will be provided.

In December, an NEF sponsored STEM Robotics after school program will begin for 4th and 5th graders with 8 staff members on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students use LEGO robots and program them to complete tasks and run a course. This program is a hand-on learning experience, which allows students to explore and collaborate together using thinking skills and supports the SEL curriculum.

Building wide expectations signs will soon be posted in the building and on the school website. These expectations have been created in collaboration with the students and relate specifically to SEL curriculum expectations. They list behavior expectations in areas such as: the hallway, the cafeteria, and on the bus.

Dental Health will be provided by the DuPage County Smile Squad on November 17, 20 and 21. Dental exams and cleaning services will be given to specific students or you can request the services for your student if there is a need.

Thank you to Home and School for purchasing color coded recess equipment for all grades, as well as indoor movement equipment, which will be used in a variety of ways such as: movement breaks, mental health breaks, and PE classes.

Report cards will be available on November 17 via Infinite Campus. If you have difficulty with the login process, please contact the district directly.

We are one of four schools in our district chosen to have the Learning Commons upgraded. Learning hubs and exploration spaces will be created.

We are implementing a new system in the parent pick-up car lane during inclement weather days and will be distributing car visors for those families that consistently car pool. Students will assemble in the gym by grade and students will be dismissed as their family name is called.

Administrators will continue to monitor and consider car lane pick-up and drop-off options to help the line move safely and efficiently. Reminder: no left turns from school parking lot onto Mill St. during morning and afternoon car pool times. No parking in the fire lane before 2:15 p.m.

Secretary's Report- Kate Connolly

Approve minutes from September 5, 2017 meeting. K.C. made the motion to approve. H.Q. made the 2nd motion. The minutes are approved.

All flyers should go to Kate for approval and Spanish translation. Allow one week for translation.

Treasurer's Report- Amy Swiatek

The account balance as of November 14, 2017 was reported as \$35, 987.49.

All checks may be placed in the office treasury folder, please text/email Amy notification when placing money in the safe. Committee chairs should keep the pink paper from the four-part form for their records.

Kane County Cougars reading program allows students to complete a reading log and earn a ticket to a game in the spring.

Vice President's Report- Cindy Smucker

Please sign district policies form if you are a committee chair, required by the district.

Winter clothing drive sign up will be going out soon. Please label bag with given number as the number corresponds with the student in need of the item.

Movie Night will be on Friday, November 17th. We still need 4 volunteers for ticket sales and concessions. Volunteers would need to check-in at 6:05 p.m.

Thank you to all who volunteered at the Fun Fair!

President's Report- Tonya Schmidt and Dani Bourgeois

District 203 has asked us to share the Delayed Start Schedule on Severe Weather Days flyer. It is an option the district may use and delays the start of the school day by two hours. See the link below for details.

<https://www.naperville203.org/Page/2097>

Car visors will be distributed soon for inclement weather days.

Home & School has purchased circuit training exercise equipment for the school and color-coded playground equipment for each grade level.

The district has formed a fifty-person committee to re-evaluate recommendations considering topics such as: the start of the school day, length of the school day and teacher planning time.

Focus 203 a “Community Conversation about Suicide” will take place at 7:00 p.m. on November 30, 2017 at Naperville Central High School in the cafeteria and also at 9:30 a.m. on December 1, 2017 at the Pavilion at Meson Sabika. Everyone in the Naperville 203 attendance area is invited to attend.

Teacher Liaison’s Report- Mrs. Lehmann and Ms. Sweeney

Ms. Sweeney and Mrs. Lehmann presented on the Digital Learning Initiative.

SFCP- Lori Torcasio and Kristin Fltzgerald

SUCCESS-Braconi’s Restaurant donated a pasta dinner for the past meeting and there was a Digital Learning Initiative presentation. The next meeting will be on November 29th and there will be a Social Emotional Learning round table.

Mill St Cares will be distributing backpacks for the holiday breaks to provide supplemental nutrition. The Thanksgiving break backpacks will be assembled at The Church of Latter Day Saints and St. Timothy’s will assemble the winter break backpacks.

Inside/Out Club has changed to 3rd-5th graders and they seem more engaged and take more out of the club than a younger audience. The next meeting is November 15th and the theme is “Thank a Veteran”. December’s meeting topic will be “Mindfulness Matters”.

Candy Cane Caring will provide an opportunity to teachers, students and staff to purchase paper candy cane grams the week of December 11th. This fundraiser helps families when special needs arise throughout the year.

Committee Reports

Student Services

Book Fair- Mary Ann Willing, Eunice Chaney, Sandy Markle

The fall book fair was a success and raised approximately \$2,400. Thank you to all who volunteered. The next one will be in February. Mary Ann will be stepping down and Amberle will be joining the committee.

Room Parents- Coyanne Inglis

The next classroom party will be on December 21 at 10:00 a.m. There has been a SignUp Genius in the Mustang Minute.

School Events

Appreciation- Daneen Van Hying and Maureen Matuszewski

We recently celebrated Principal Appreciation Day on October 20th. We decorated their office doors, provided lunch, and students submitted ideas about what they thought the Principals did at the school. In November, we are celebrating School Psychologist Week and Support Professionals Day.

Mill St Night Out- Carly Nguyen

We raised \$466 at the Portillo's Mill St Night Out. Our next event is November 29th at Jersey Mike's.

Movie Night- Amy Rossi

Showing Disney's Moana on Friday, November 17th. We still need 4 volunteers for ticket sales and concessions. Volunteers would need to check-in at 6:05 p.m.

Fundraising

Fun Fair- Sarah Alaimo, Cindy Schulz, Angie Langman, Sandy Morse, Sara Bonert

Overall, the Fun Fair went well. We are still waiting on final number of money raised. The walkie talkies helped with communication throughout the night. There was a big push for volunteers and next time we will try to ask more high school students to volunteer. Thank you to all who donated items and helped by volunteering. In the future, consider February for the next Fun Fair so that it conflicts with fewer holidays.

Box Tops/Labels for Education- Monika Bicker

We raised \$464 this fall with Box Tops collection.

Fall Fundraiser- Kristie Coyle, Sarah Dunne

The fall fundraiser went well, raised approximately \$4,400. New committee chairs will be needed for next year and decisions for next year should be made in the spring.

Spirit Wear- Audrey Brodrick, Kathy Sopkovich

This fall we raised around \$1,000 selling spirit wear.

L.T. made the motion to close the meeting. H.Q. made the 2nd motion. The meeting is closed.

Adjourn 10:38 a.m.

Submitted: Kate Connolly