

HSA General Meeting

Date and Time: November 17, 2017 @ 9:00 am

Location: Central School – APR

Attendees: Sinead Rundell, Katie Fanelli, Krista La Croix, Tania Grove, Michele Cohen, Marissa Storinge, Melanie Santlofer, Christine Murphy, S. Feehery, M. Schwarzbeck, H. Ammerman, D. Malizia, A. Weyant, M. Dolan, D. Holman, A. Tatem, F. Goldberg, J. Reiman, M. Thurber, K. Machera, R. Kantharia, S. Ripps, K. Brennan

Principal's Report (Krista LaCroix)

- Welcomed new nurse Nicole Trimper
- During the last Families session, kids decorated kindness rocks. Thinking of the courtyard area to permanently place them in a cement path
- Thank you to all that made the Book Fair great
- Training sessions set up for Schoology training (the new parent portal system)
- 12/14 Winter Concert at 7pm, an evening performance which makes it special for the students, Mr. Malone planning to shorten the length of the performance
- In process of hiring maternity fill in for Mrs. Frank who is leaving after winter recess
- Library is up and running with renovation, thank you to all that helped

BOE Liaison (Dr. Kevin Brennan)

- Council and BOE still working together on traffic study even though \$10K was voted down to fund this
- Air quality in High School – last round of testing found no toxic levels of any substance in the media center, more testing to continue in the future
- Mr. Watson, interim Super Intendent is amazing and well liked
- Super Intendent search continues, BOE picking a recruiting firm and will be voted on at next meeting
- Still running adhoc committee on ways to generate revenue – any ideas welcome
- Adhoc committee for overseeing curriculum in Middle/High school levels. Looking at classes that have low enrollment (15 students or less)
- Implementing Board goals, will focus on student and staff wellness. Ex. Discussions on referendum of elementary AC
- Report of BOE finances can be generated if requested

Presidents (Sinead Rundell and Katie Fanelli)

- Welcome and thank you to everyone for coming
- Project Updates
 - District bought smart tv for Mrs. Gomez room, HSA to purchase an additional TV for the Media Center when Mrs LaCroix decides on the appropriate size
 - HSA to purchase two new tables for teacher's lounge and putting up a mirror
 - Will discuss renovation of entry way in spring since will be done over summer
 - Will attempt Facebook live for upcoming meetings; seems to work well at Byrd
 - Table to Table program raised \$800
 - District Directory has gone live online, any questions ask D. Holman
- Puerto Rico Fundraising Efforts
 - Always trying to find community efforts and fundraising to get students involved
 - K. Fanelli has a contact with a resident of Puerto Rico and gong to work together to "adopt" a small town outside of Dorado
 - Current situation is that no children are attending school due to such horrible conditions, while the schools need supplies the first wave of efforts is to provide basic supplies to the homes (i.e. Mattresses and sheets). Restoring the schools would be a Phase II to our efforts
 - December Families will read "Come with Me", a story about how there is no such thing as helping too little in situations like this, anything makes a difference and that could be as

simple as a card or note. Students will write notes to the children in Puerto Rico just to brighten their days

- Next steps would be suggestions on how to raise money and get the kids involved vs. just making a donation, having the students connect more with our efforts in helping others
 - A. Tatem suggested showing a thermometer to show growth of fundraising
 - Incorporate Fitness Fridays to raise money
 - Each classroom works towards a goal of raising \$310 to fund a new bed for a family
 - D. Holman suggested "Make a bed to Give a Bed" and children earn money to make their beds at home and is donated to fund

Treasurer (Tania Grove)

- Marking changes since the last meeting
 - Food days constantly changing
 - Silent auction - nothing has changed
 - Central musical – only purchase to date was the script of the play
 - Haunted house - at \$5,915.45, but not final
 - Misc. Revenues - mostly Bad Moms movie night and extra Spirit Wear sold after school
 - Enrichment - purchase of rocks
 - 5th grade expenses - only expense pumpkin and supplies for kindergarten crafts
 - Admin/accounting - paid accountant from last year
 - Buildings and grounds wrote a check for library carpet
 - Field trip stipend - need to give check to Mrs. LaCroix, \$10 per kid - for field trips
 - Discretionary fund - background check for dance teachers
 - TIC TOC - training binders,
 - Wish List for Principal - lunch tubs and hooks for lost and found
 - Ending checking balance - \$65,425.47
 - Total banking status - \$99,778.02 including dance
 - Dance to give budget report once a month
 - M. Thurber asked what our next big project is (i.e. Space Ball)
 - S. Rundell response, Smart TV, front entry hall and other smaller projects since last year was not an auction year we do not have the funds to make such a large purchase, that would be following this year's auction

Hospitality (Lisa Bryzek)

- Past Events
 - Haunted House super successful thank you to 5th grade class
 - Successful Walk to School Day - thank you J. Rotker and all families that helped at bus stops
 - Autumn Day – successful, more families than anticipated. Thank you to the chairs Megan Almond and Christine Heenan
- Upcoming events
- Fall Social - class parents - reach out to class to ask for set up or clean up help, can email the chairs to coordinate
- Family game night - 1/26
- Spring auction - 3/24 – M. Santlofer and M, Lacey running it
 - New and fun theme of Monopoly
 - Food catered by Meiganne Serrano Catering
 - Check out the Top 5 reasons why you want to come
 - New online bidding - everything on your phone and will open up a week prior
 - DJ for music
 - No class baskets

- Central comes together as a community get auction items
- All volunteers welcome, do not need to be on a committee

Fundraising (Melanie Santlofer)

- Food Fundraisers - everything is working out well
- Only sold 30 Kids Stuff books
- First Francesca's night on 10/4 sold \$600 of food
- Awesome job with the Haunted House
- We will have the school picture total in January
- \$1,843 total in spirit wear
- Box tops currently ongoing
- Bad Moms movie night made - \$400

Enrichment (Christine Murphy)

- Enrichment Activities
 - Past events
 - Oct. 5 (Week of Respect) - BMX Pros Stunt Team: put on a great show! Lots of teacher involvement. Students really seemed to enjoy it!
 - Upcoming Events
 - Dec 11th Author visit: Jason Chin (split with Coleman & Byrd)
 - Dec. 14th - Potter to visit grade 1 art classes
 - Jan. 16th - Lead U - "Lost Art of Kindness" (whole school)
 - Mar 23 - Feltmaker to visit grade 5 art classes
 - May 7 - 11 Circus Week/Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Rock project - in progress
- Grade levels -
 - High-Touch, High-Tech in school "field trip"
 - Kindergarten: choosing program
 - Grade 1: "Zoom to the Moon" week of Dec 18th
 - Grade 2: matter/plants (choosing)
 - Grade 3: Owl pellet lesson, before mine trip
 - Grade 4: undecided
 - Grade 5 - Liberty Hall Museum Project (Mrs. Burnet looking into this)

Misc.

- Registration is currently open for the school Musical and can sign up on HSA website