

Silver Hill Elementary PTO Meeting March 9, 2020

President: Nicole Kardos

Vice President: Amy Nazzaro

Secretary: Lauren MacKinnon

Treasurer: Andrea Barman

Call to order 6:05pm – 12 people in attendance

Administration update - Mr. Parker, Vice Principal

*****Our School is in desperate need of disinfecting wipes. If anyone can donate, it would be greatly appreciated!*****

-Reminder that Mrs. Lucas sent out her weekly update email yesterday. This included the finalized MCAS schedule.

-Silver Hill was chosen for a visit by Massachusetts Congresswoman Lori Trahan and Connecticut Congresswoman Delauro, to check out Haverhill's free lunch program.

-Asking question on behalf of the 5th grade banquet team re: water options for the 5th grade luau on 6/15. Was advised that they can purchase small water bottles, depending on their plans and remaining budget. They are also welcome to use the PTO carafes.

-Requesting funding for a school-wide presentation by the Zuzu Acrobats, a Kenyan dance and acrobatics group that was previously on America's Got Talent. There will be 3 40 minute presentations on Tuesday 3/17. Voted and approved funding.

-Duct tape Mr. Parker to the pole PBIS fundraiser will be coming up soon. Looking for donations of any kind of duct tape, or gift cards to a home improvement store.

Teacher/Staff funding requests

-First grade teachers requesting funding for Stone Zoo field trip, as well as additional funds for Animal Encounter presentations in each of their classrooms. Requested totals within allotted budget. Voted and approved funding.

-Second grade teachers requesting funding for trip to North Shore Music Theatre to see Frog and Toad, as well as additional funds for science experiment presentations. Requested totals within allotted budget. Voted and approved funding.

-Waiting for 4th grade field trip funding requests.

Treasurer's Report

-Low turn out for last month's spaghetti dinner night. Welcome suggestions to increase participation for next year. Some ideas at meeting were to have it closer to the beginning of the year, offer door prizes, lower price and ask teachers to send reminders through their classroom app. Get the teachers/staff more involved, since the kids love seeing them outside of the classroom setting. Boost parent involvement somehow (see below).

-Dance forms are due by Thursday 3/12. If ticket sales don't improve, we may end up allowing tickets to be sold at the door.

-Butter Braid order forms due 3/10. Looking at possible low sales for this fundraiser. We will order a bunch of extras to sell during parent-teacher conferences.

Schoolwide Yearbook Update

Jeni Lu present to discuss. Everything is coming together. The cover art has been voted on, and the runners-up will have their art displayed inside of the yearbook. Discussed cost, should end up being around \$8-10. Order forms will be going out soon, at or around the same time class photo order forms go out.

Upcoming Events

-V.I.P Dance grades K-3 on Friday 3/13

-V.I.P Dance grades 4 & 5 on Friday 3/20

There will be a photo booth at both dances, so don't forget to bring some cash!

-Trivia night Weds 3/25 **Adults Only**

-Parent-teacher conferences and butter braid pick up Weds 4/8

Butter Braid products must be picked up on the evening of 4/8, during parent-teacher conferences.

We cannot store them, so please plan accordingly.

-Restaurant night at the 99 4/8. Grab some dinner before or after conferences!

-5/4-5/8 Teacher Appreciation Week. A Sign Up Genius will be going out soon.

-Fun Run will be 5/22

Additional ideas and discussions

-Parent engagement has been an issue school-wide. How can we boost parent involvement in all of our activities? One suggestion was to create Facebook events for the various activities on the PTO page. That way parents can see when their friends are planning to attend, or tag their friends to remind them. Another suggestion was to find ways to get the kids more excited about the events, so they go home and encourage their parents to attend. Incentives?

-Suggested fundraising idea is a bottle and can drive. Will look into.

-If there are any school store questions, inventory requests etc...feel free to reach out to the PTO via email at Silverhillpto@gmail.com or on Facebook. We are happy to help.

Meeting adjourned 7:23pm Next meeting Monday 4/13 at 6pm