

Silver Hill Elementary School

PTO MEETING – Monday April 8, 2019

PTO officers:

President: Nicole Kardos

Vice President: Amy Nazzaro

Treasurer: Andrea Barman

Secretary: Lauren MacKinnon

• Call to order at 6:01pm

1. Presentation by General Manager of Boosterthon, Rophe Mason. Will set us up on Funrun.com, which will streamline the donation process for our upcoming Fun Run and make it more successful. Will help set up donation challenges within the school to get everyone excited. Their website has a translate button that allows the whole page to be read in Spanish, as well as additional languages. The Springtime Fun Run is scheduled for Friday 5/24, with a rain date of 5/31.

2. Second grade field trip funding request and presentation by Ms. Tolman. They plan to take the kids to the movies to see the new penguin documentary. Associated costs discussed, voted and funding approved.

Fourth grade field trip to Camp Trickling Falls presentation by Mr. Corriveau. This is in addition to the Lowell Mills field trips, so will end up going over budget. Voted and approved, but will require additional funding to make up the difference. School's student activities fund may cover some, and the students will likely have to pay a small portion, about \$2 each. Scheduled for June 3 with a rain date of June 6.

3. Administration Update given by Assistant Principals Brendon Parker and Mary Ellen Lucas. Discussed Superintendent's Right Size program, what the program involves and how it could affect our school. Mr. Parker is a member of the Right Size Committee, and advises that they still don't have any definitive answers. Parents with questions or concerns are strongly encouraged to attend the School Committee meetings.

Discussed what we would do for our 4th graders in the event that 5th grade is moved to another school next year. If needed, we will definitely provide them with some type of fun day, as well as an awards ceremony of their own.

Still in the process of hiring a new principal for next year. Silver Hill has a committee that includes School Committee members, SH parents and Mr. Parker. They will narrow it down to 3 candidates and then submit to the Superintendent for final decision.

4. PTO Reminders and upcoming events:

- Butter Braid orders MUST be picked up at Parent Teacher conferences this Wednesday, 4/10. We will set up a pick-up area in the lobby from 5-7. The orders can only be out of the freezer for a limited amount of time, and the school does not have anywhere to store it. Any orders that are not picked up will be donated to Emmaus House.
- Teacher Appreciation week is coming up, 5/6 through 5/10. Gifts have been purchased.
- Staff breakfast will be on Tuesday 5/7, and is coordinated by Tessa Boisselle. She will be sending out a Sign Up Genius for that day, for both food donations and volunteers to help set it up. Staff lunch will be on Thursday 5/9. We will need volunteers to help with that as well, will be in the Sign Up Genius. We are open to restaurant suggestions for the lunch, feel free to email us. School wide assembly on Friday 5/17. Marty Kelley and Steve Blunt will be back to entertain the kids with singing and storytelling. There will be two shows, grade split TBD. First show starts at 9:15.
- Springtime Fun Run on Friday 5/24 with rain date of 5/31. Mr. Murphy is helping to coordinate the event. There will be three sessions, starting 35 minutes before each lunch. We will need volunteers, a Sign Up Genius will go out.
- 5th grade banquet on Thursday 6/6. Advised that everything is all set for event. Discussed enforcing guest limits. Each 5th grade student will only be allowed to bring two adult guests, no siblings.
- 5th grade fun day on Monday 6/3. Luau themed bbq being coordinated by Erin Sadek. Discount for inflatables has been worked out. Will discuss logistics of bbq with kitchen staff.
- Field Day on Friday 6/7 with rain date of 6/10. Ninja Warrior theme, need ideas for games. Will need many volunteers for event, Sign Up Genius will go out. Confirmed two Kona Ice trucks will be there.
- Lowell Spinners game Thursday 6/20, Harry Potter night. Start time is 7:05pm, tickets will go home before end of school year.
- Still looking for Earth Day ideas and someone to coordinate. One suggestion was putting a compost barrel in the cafeteria for the day to show how much food waste the school generates in a typical day. Waiting to hear back from Devan Ferreira about this.
- Ice Cream Social on Tuesday 5/28. Hoping to do Touch a Truck again this year, will need vehicle volunteers. Will also need volunteers to help with the event.

5. Election nominations for 2019-2020 PTO board. Existing board members nominated to fill their current positions again next school year, and we will continue to take nominations until the May meeting, when they will be put to a vote. Any interested parents or staff are encouraged to participate. Discussed need for PTO board transition plan if there is no fifth grade next year.

6. Treasurer's report

7. Discussed doing something for the 3rd grade robotics group, to congratulate them for making it to the international competition (placement results still pending). Will do something at the last ROARS assembly, more info to come. Also discussed recognizing the hard work and success of all of the school's groups going forward.

Attendance raffle winner was Maritza Martinez.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Next meeting on Monday May 13 at 6pm in Library