

March 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes

1. Principal's Report

Jill has not received her budget yet. It was supposed to be here on Monday, but Jill is hoping to receive it by Friday. We're looking at \$27 million in the red between the Governor's and legislature's proposals. \$23 million in cuts away from the building. Jill is expecting her budget to be about the same as this year.

Parent question - How does/can PTO help with a gap in the budget? It costs about \$30K in supplies a year to run the school. The PTO could pay some portion of supplies, to free up money to be used elsewhere. Question: What about colleges that don't pay taxes as a non-profit and give money to schools (Tiger Team)? Jill - The district is looking at Q-Comp money from State to help with professional development. The Union and District need to agree and then apply. Currently a number of professional development opportunities satisfy the Q-Comp requirements; PAR teachers (new teacher coaching), job embedded PLCs. SPPS is not currently a Q-Comp district. What about what is happening at the federal level? - We are affected by Title 1. We get about \$100K in Title 1 money.

Conferences - 95% attendance! We are still trying to reschedule a few conferences.

Scholastic Book Fair - It was moved up and we sold a lot more books than when we've done it at Science Night. She sold \$5000 in books, which was similar to fall. Parent Lauren Mau was the volunteer coordinator. The teachers had a wish list, and with profit the teachers got what was on their wish list, plus \$100 for their classroom. Lauren Mau did a wonderful job! Thank you!

Friday, 3/31 - Movie Day! Kids met their Cheetah Challenge. Woodbury 10 donates popcorn. Thank you! We are watching 'Horton Hears a Who'. Our challenge was about playground expectations. Next up will be the Cafeteria Expectations.

We have MCA testing coming up. Three classrooms will be piloting testing with their iPads. They have practiced it already. Tests will be taken over four class periods, meaning four different days. These are not timed tests.

Mrs. Arcand - The Mosaic is supposed to be put up over Spring Break!

Parent question - Are there any plans for GT programming at CHE? It is up to the individual classroom teachers to differentiate. Hourly teachers do a pull-out with younger students (reading, high math groups). Teachers really appreciate the hourly teachers and their ability to differentiate for GT students. Teachers can also solicit parent volunteers. There is curriculum through Everyday Math that is geared toward GT students. We have two hourly teachers who are here about 14 hours a week.

Parent question - If hourly teachers are designing curriculum, could they help parent volunteers with following through on curriculum? We have about 150 students who are identified as GT. GT students are not the only ones who receive support from the hourly teachers. Reading buddies are also helping in the classrooms. PTO hasn't had requests from teachers to support that kind of curriculum implementation. Older students also help out younger students when appropriate.

2. NW Como Recreation Center: Darcy - We'll be at Carnival again this year. April 3rd - Summer camps will be opened for registration. Acting, adult kickball tournament (July 29), adult run club, archery camp, adult wine and cheese and art classes, artist workshop camps, babysitting training, dance, Como Fest event, end of summer art bash, Java Minecraft and Lego, juggling, Finding Dory movie night and camp out (July 28), parents night out (June), soccer camp, track and field, urban tennis at Orchard, volleyball, yoga and happy breathing. Call Rec center at 1:00, stop by or register online on April 3rd.

Will the brochure get in teacher mailboxes? John is hoping for Thursday afternoon.

There are limited spots left in Spring Break pop up field trips.

Summer sports - Last week of registration!

3. Conferences - Great attendance! Thank you to the families who donated for pizza and hot dish meal items and coffee. Meals are very appreciated.
4. Science Night - Boards are available from Mr. Altman. They are \$3.50 per board. He is here in the morning. His animal crew can help you in the morning too. Projects are due after spring break. Please bring in by April 11th. PTO is coordinating donated Jimmy John's lunches to volunteers. Contact Brooke if you're interested in volunteering on the 12th. 6:30 - Science Night starts. We will ask about Mr. A. taking pictures of the winning boards.
5. Destination Imagination - We have two teams moving on to Regionals in Champlin on April 22nd. Awesome in a Jar and Nightmare Hashbrowns have advanced. Nightmare Hashbrowns will be presenting in front of Chelsea students. Awesome in a Jar did their improv during the Barnes & Noble fundraiser. Congratulations to both teams!
6. Running Club - We were capped at 50 and now we're at 57. Registration is closed. Thank you to the Rec Center for doing the registrations. The gym will be available. Running Club is just Fridays, beginning April 21st. They meet 6 Fridays (not Carnival weekend). Running Club is for 1st graders and up. Thank you to Jill Dent and Katie Keenan for coaching this year!

7. Executive Board Elections - Secretary, Grants Chair and Co-Treasurer, President
Lisa Preston is stepping down as treasurer. Jill Dent is interested in the position. Jill Dent was voted in as the treasurer for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. Jamie will stay on as Grants Chair, Brooke will stay on as President and Kim as secretary.
8. Chelsea Heights Budget Update - See principal report above.
9. PTO Budget - We have had about \$1,600 in income and roughly \$1,300 in expenses. We have an outstanding check for Eagle's Bluff field trip that needs to be cashed. About \$3,000 still needs to come out of the budget for a Smart Board purchased through the Grants Committee. Barnes & Noble Fundraiser - We can either get a gift card to B&N for just under \$500 or take the cash option. We plan to go with the cash option. SPPS gets a 25% discount at B&N.
10. Grants Committee Update - We had a slow start, but will spend down all of our money this year. We had a bunch of grants come through and Adam Corville has joined us as a member. A music grant for instruments is in the works. We've supported Mr. A.'s animals, and stress reliever materials for teachers. Grants can also be requested from parents. Parent Kerby Pettinelli has requested a CD player for Mrs. Brown.

Silent Auction - We will be at Gabe's again this year. The Limns are playing this year and Gabe's is helping with the cost. A cover will be charged to see the band for those who have not purchased auction tickets. Silent Auction is May 13th, auction closes at 8:30 with doors opening at 6:00. The Silent Auction date changed to May 13th due to the DI Regional event. Your admission pays for appetizers, the band and a drink ticket. We are looking for donations from parents and also are looking for teacher donations. In the past teachers have done a movie after school, they've made a plate in the past. PTO will brainstorm some ideas for teachers. Pizza with the principal is an idea as well.