

Spring Brook Elementary School PTA Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2018

President Allison Fosdick called the meeting to order at 9:33am in the lunch room at Spring Brook Elementary on March 22, 2018.

In attendance: Allison Fosdick, Lynn McElhone, Amie Enright, Courtney Barenbrugge, Sarah Mejia, Kathy Dunn, Kajal Aggarwal, Luciana Rodriguez, Tiffany Malik, Neela Mnatre, Swati Mehta, Anu Raru, Linda A Hammond, Lindsey Zucker, Natalie Hoyle-Ross

Multicultural Night: presented by Swati Mehta

- Flyers and registration forms have been sent out. PTA agreed Multicultural committee can use leftover water from Spring Fling for Multicultural Night. PTA Board will check with Hospitality committee to see if there are extra plates/napkins/utensils to use for Multicultural Night. PTA Board will discuss concern of allergies with Mr. Worst.

LMC: presented by Natalie Hoyle Ross

- Sherri Duskey Rinker is coming for an author visit for K-2 and Liesl Shurtliff is coming for grades 2-5 tomorrow. Thank you to the PTA for funding these visits.
- Luciana Rodriguez will be our new LMC coordinator
- Proposals: 1) Request \$1,000 to continue to do Monarch awards. The grant is not covering it this year. 2) Request for \$1,000 for Bluestem books. Kids can access these books immediately whereas they can't access Monarch until teachers have finished with them. Natalie is currently trying to get a grant to cover this program. 3) Request of \$2,500 to target 2nd-5th graders to "book talk" books to increase interest in reading for fun as opposed to because they have to. Natalie will encourage staff to present a "book talk" and would like to be able to buy 1 hardcover and 7 paper packs of these "book talk" books so many kids can check them out. Natalie will entice teachers to do these book talks by giving them 6 guided reading books the following year. 4) Request for \$2,000 for 6 wobble seats for maker-space and 2 flip tables.

Approval of February's minutes: PTA minutes from the February 22nd meeting were approved as written.

Thank yous:

- Thank you to Kaj Aggarwal and Luciana Rodriguez for taking on the roles to learn how to run the Spring Fling. Thank you to Carrie Wahl and Colleen Johnson for keeping it going each year and to the entire committee and parents for basket donations. It was a very fun night.
- Thank you to Nominating Committee for coming up with a slate for next year's Board positions.

President's Report: presented by Allison Fosdick

- District Summer Activities Fair is tonight from 6-8pm at Still Middle School.
- Allison will send out an email after spring break to the committee chairs to see if current chairs are still interested in continuing the position.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Amie Enright

- Please see attached report.
- Bingo for Books made \$456
- Spring Fling profited \$3,788
- Dough Raising at Noodles & Co made over \$300
- PTA Board is working with Mr. Worst to get ideas from staff on how to spend extra money.
- PTA Board hopes to have a list of ideas to vote on at April's PTA meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** presented by Lindsey Zucker
 - Lindsey presented slate vote of Kathy Dunn for President, Lynn McElhone for Vice-President, Courtney Barenbrugge for Secretary and Sarah Mejia for Treasurer
- **Tile Night :** presented by Julie Scarpaci (read by Courtney Barenbrugge)
 - The tiles made in November have been put up on the wall outside the nurse's office
- **.Health & Safety:** presented by Mayda Winiarski (read by Courtney Barenbrugge)
 - Jump Rope for Heart went great! Ms. Jansen was very happy with all the help she received. The Spring Brook community raised \$27,774 of our \$30k goal which translates to 555 additional people who can be trained in CPR through the American Heart Association.

New Business:

- Lindsey Zucker asked if we could reinstate having a second book fair this year. Allison will discuss with Mr. Worst and consider having a survey at the end of the year to see how parents feel about having a second book fair.
- Lindsey Zucker asked about interest in Charleston Wrap. PTA agreed to continue it next year.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Public comments:

- Luciana asked if her and Kaj could clean out PTA closet. Courtney, Lynn, Kaj, and Luciana will clean it out together.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:26am by Allison Fosdick.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney Barenbrugge