



MEETING MINUTES—NOVEMBER 12, 2018

1.0 PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

1.1 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm. The secretary informed everyone that the meeting would be recorded.

1.2 Welcome & Introductions: We went around the room and everyone introduced themselves.

1.3 Accept Minutes and Agenda: The minutes from the last meeting (Oct. 8th) were approved.

2.0 REPORTS

2.1 Teacher's report (Allison Puhrrman)

- Art to Remember went out. You can still order online or call the 800 number. Orders will deliver by early December. We are up to over \$7k in sales and 478 orders in.

- I applied for a grant and the Partnership Plan (PP) approved it. This was for a fourth grade theatre production. This will be produced by Grif Sadow, the head of theatre at the high school. How the production will be organized is being worked out. It will be in May. Hopefully this will be an on-going event. All 75 students will be involved. Someone commented that one can follow the Partnership Plan on Facebook.

2.2 Principal's report (Malinda Lansfeldt) –

- The Veterans Day assembly was overwhelming. Sixty to seventy veterans were there. It was packed. It was an honor to have them here. The students were well behaved.

- There was some discussion about having our school as a polling place. We don't have control over where the voting locations will be. We are hoping that they will move out of the schools eventually.

- Conferences went well.

- Responsive classroom. Instructional coaches are here. It helps to build community.

- We have added a water option to the ala carte menu as an option to milk. Parents may opt-out of ala carte.

- Mindful movement – This is a PP grant and this training will occur in the Jan-Feb time-frame.

- If you have concerns about anything at school, do not hesitate to call.

- There was some discussion about Literacy training.

- Principals and school authorities spent three or four hours with others discussing emergency procedures. We have good plans in place and pretty much down to a science about where we would go depending on severity. We do some practice drills from time-to-time.

3.0 ITEMS/EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS

3.1 Veterans Assembly (MK) – The PTA provided refreshments for the veterans and their families. The turnout was much larger than expected. Thanks to Janell Trobec! She went out and got additional provisions.

3.2 Book Fair (KB) – We have a pretty good show of volunteers. There was extra traffic today because of the veteran's assembly. Classrooms will come through to write up their wish lists.

3.3 Science Fair (MK) – Judges will look at fifth grade projects and provide constructive notes about them.

3.4 Pizza Dinner (SvW-R) – We received donations from every party that we asked. We got a discount on cookies.

3.5 Spirit Wear (MW) – There was some discussion about the location – okay to be just outside the media center.

3.6 Scholastic money (MK, KB) – We receive some reward scholastic dollars for holding extra fairs and having extra sales. There was discussion about what to do with the extra dollars which expire at some point – headsets, book bin carts, hokey stools, etc. There was some concern about sanitizing them the headsets if we save them from year to year. There was discussion about engraving the headsets and the students would take them with them to the next grade—all incoming K classes would get new headsets. We currently have approx. \$15k in Scholastic funds. We can purchase anything from the Scholastic catalog with these funds.

3.7 Let's Eat Out (AB) – There was discussion about Potbellys eat out night. Future nights are being planned.

3.8 Other fundraisers (MK) – One of the parents at the school works in the **Wild organization** and proposed a fundraising event over Spring Break. A portion of ticket sales would come back to the school. Another parent owns a **tree farm** and offered to hold a fundraising event for that. We can get coupons/tickets from **Applebees** which we could use for prizes for Box Tops, Carnival, etc. No action was taken on these. There was some discussion about making up and handing out laminated, re-usable "free dinner" coupons for event volunteers.

3.9 Carnival/Silent Auction – There was some discussion about the Silent Auction – getting a head start before end of year. Some winning bidders have never redeemed their purchase. It was suggested that the chair could make the event “their own”. There was some discussion about focusing on “experiences” over “items”. There was quite a bit of discussion about soliciting “experiences” – email blast, Facebook post, etc.

3.10 Playground (MK)

- **Fundraising:** Kari was not in attendance tonight.

- **Design/build:** Mary passed out the latest designs for the playground. There was some discussion about district funding of the “fall surface”. There was discussion about the design. The contractor visited the school and gave feedback on what pieces need replacement and what can be saved. Now that we have rough numbers for both playground updates, we can start to reach out to donors. There was some discussion about creating a semi-permanent “wish list” for items that we need. There was some discussion about naming rights. One sponsor can’t name the entire playground. But we can name pavers, individual pieces, benches, “donate a tree”, etc. There was discussion about needing to replace donor items that might get damaged by vandals. There was discussion about tiered donor options. There have been some discussions with outside community groups—St. Croix Foundation, etc. The district is responsible to maintain equipment – for example, when the slide was vandalized, the district replaced it. Some swings need to be replaced. There was concern about liability with volunteers doing the playground installation. A crew from the rec company supervises.

- There was some discussion about when are we going to get a school sign like all the other schools.

3.11 Fun Run (MK-AB) –Boosterthon is asking for a name for the run this year--we decided to use the same name as last year, “Glo Run”. An overview of the event was provided for new members. There was some discussion about sponsors for T-shirts and water bottles. We need to send out a request for sponsors to give equal opportunity.

4.0 FINAL ITEMS

4.1 Open positions - Co-chair and secretary slots are open for next year—looking for volunteers. Jessica Johnson volunteered to head up the Carnival this year—April 18th this year. This means we need to add **Silent Auction** chair as an open position.

4.2 Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Attendees (15 – more or less – plus some children!): Mary Kristensen, Dean Stynsberg, Allison Puhmann, Ashley Bradbury, Meaghan Paczosa, Beth Ann Sobiech, Sharon Cohen, Katie Brisson, Karen Wasmundt, Becca Hall, Erin Smillie, Shannon Von Wald-Remirez, Bryanna Sauer, Melissa Wilmes, Malinda Landsfeldt

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Next meeting – December 10, 2018, 6:30pm

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