



Shamona Creek Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2015

Meeting started at 9:30 AM

There were 11 people in attendance: Norma Jean Welsh, Laurie-Anne Jones, Tara Haarlander, Michelle Singewald, Susan Cozad, Megan Suhoskey, Kathryn Gute, Kathleen Nine-Scott, Melissa Bell, Maria Dennin, and Gina Thelander.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lena Elguindi ([lelguindi@gmail.com](mailto:lelguindi@gmail.com))

- Kathryn Gute reviewed financials in Lena Elguindi's absence.
  1. Income is on track.
  2. Pizza Bingo did better than expected.
  3. Please turn in expenses within five days of activity/event.
  4. We are doing well with Target.
  5. We are on target to reach our goal for the Boxtops program.
  6. Less than half of the teachers are using the funds that they are allocated.
  7. Assemblies underspent.
- Sell Spring Fair

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Welsh ([njwelsh@dasd.org](mailto:njwelsh@dasd.org))

- Not comfortable with giving \$1200 in scholarships to graduating seniors and only \$1000 in in-school grants.
- Two teams went to Reading Olympics
- Two students had art displayed at district office.
- PSSA's start next week. She keeps it low key at Shamona because we do it every year and explains to the students that it's just the school's report card.
- Lots of activities coming up: chicks, owl pellets, Regions Fair, field trips, Spring Fair, concerts.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Watershed Program was quite a success.
- Today is the final day for Read Across America, and we may fall short of our goal.

**President's Report:** Kathryn Gute ([kathryn.gute@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.gute@gmail.com))

- Grant application received from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers.
  1. They want chair back pockets for all students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
  2. The cost is \$700.
  3. Mrs. Welsh proposed to split the cost: \$400 from H&S, \$300 from Mrs. Welsh's budget.
  4. Kathryn Gute approved the motion, Gina Thelander second the motion.
- Fundraising Survey Feedback
  1. Parents are only interested if the school is going to make money.
  2. Only 50% of parents were interested in the Kid Stuff books and WaWa coupons.
  3. There was very little interest in Yankee Candles, Regal Cinema tickets, Reading Phillies, and Hershey Park.
- Communication Survey
  1. Parents are happy with the website.
  2. Some would love to see a list of extra-curricular activities list and contact emails.
  3. Directory is not being used to its full capability, so we are going to a pdf version next year as it's not as expensive. We will work with homeroom moms to get all names to send a pdf file to all.
  4. Parents love our Facebook.
  5. Wednesday folders may just be done for the first month next year and then by the teachers since not many flyers are going home anymore.
- Committee List
  1. We propose to add a fifth Executive Board Member to focus on fundraising and so that someone remains on the Board when all others will be gone in one year.

2. Move to add this position. Kathryn Gute approved it, Maria Dennin second the motion.
  3. Megan Suhoskey is nominated. We will vote on this at the May meeting.
  4. Need to find a co-chair for the Barnes and Noble Book Fair since current chair will be gone next year.
  5. Hop and Shop is still in question. It may change to a family fun night.
  6. Rita's back to school in September.
  7. Family event in November.
  8. Pizza Bingo in February.
  9. Jen Ranalli will be taking over the Health Council position.
  10. Community Service should coordinate with the Planet Patrol.
- Flyer for new kindergarteners will be given at the roundup and allow them to get free tickets for the fair.
  - Scholarships from Downingtown's three high schools needs to be voted on by the Board and Mrs. Welsh.

**Vice President's Report:** Susan Cozad ([cozad4@aol.com](mailto:cozad4@aol.com))

- Parent Portal has had problems.
- Please complete the Resetting the Vision for the Future Survey.
- New security system will be installed soon in all schools. You will need your driver's license.
- GPS on buses has been delayed.
- We need to update the by laws to reflect the change in the number of H&S meetings per year (minimum of 4).

**Committee Reports:**

• **EZ Money:**

1. Box Tops - Melissa Bell ([bellmeli74@gmail.com](mailto:bellmeli74@gmail.com))
  - Currently received \$2,089, and the next check will be \$806.
  - Competition over the summer for families to win.
2. Labels for Education – Shannon Gallagher ([gallaghergang102@gmail.com](mailto:gallaghergang102@gmail.com))
  - 23,000 points were spent on recess equipment.
  - One third of the equipment is out now to use by the students, and the rest is in storage for future use.
3. Giant – Melissa Bell ([bellmeli74@gmail.com](mailto:bellmeli74@gmail.com))
  - No amount is available.
4. Target – Melissa Bell ([bellmeli74@gmail.com](mailto:bellmeli74@gmail.com))
  - 115 Families participate
  - We received \$1600 in February, and the next check will be \$551.
5. Dine Around Town – Melissa Bell ([bellmeli74@gmail.com](mailto:bellmeli74@gmail.com))
  - Chic Fil A Night will be April 21<sup>st</sup>

• **Yearbook:** Maria Dennin ([mtpd1969@gmail.com](mailto:mtpd1969@gmail.com))

1. Tomorrow is the deadline to order yearbooks.
2. We sold 339 ytd.
3. Our goal is to have two parents from each grade on the committee to help with picture taking at grade level events/field trips.

• **Family Fun and Social Events:**

1. Spring Fair – Maria Dennin ([mtpd1969@gmail.com](mailto:mtpd1969@gmail.com))
  - On track for food.
  - Biggest change is the program. We now will have sponsors advertising.
  - Will ask Shamona families who own businesses if they would like to sponsor games.
  - We will have new games, nothing will be downstairs, and a lot will be outside.

• **Health and Wellness:**

1. Health Council – Michelle Singewald ([michelle\\_singewald@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle_singewald@yahoo.com))
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> is District Wellness Day 11:00-2:00,
  - Classes present have the opportunity to walk around the school and get a raffle ticket for every lap they do. The winner wins a Fit Bit.

**Old/New Business:**

- April 21: Chic Fil A
- May 8: Spring Fair
- May 14: Art Show
- May 19: H&S General Meeting