



Shamona Creek Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2015

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

There were 17 people in attendance: Norma Jean Welsh, Pat Carroll, Laurie-Anne Jones, Tara Haarlander, Michelle Singewald, Diana Harper, Megan Murray, Susan Cozad, Megan Suhoskey, Patty Frank, Kathryn Gute, Kathleen Nine-Scott, Shannon Gallagher, Melissa Bell, Maria Dennin, Lena Elguindi, and Gina Thelander.

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

- Shamona Creek won the Mascot Fitness Award.
- Kids are still wearing shorts and the weather is too cold for that.
- Tomorrow is Favorite Sweatshirt Day in hopes that kids dress warm.
- Study Island results were just sent home.
- Jen Bryant, author assembly, was great.
- Valentine's Day was fun.
- Dr. Mussoline walks through the school three times per year and visits with staff after school three times during the year.
- School colors are blue, maroon, and white.

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

- Kathryn attended the Joint Home and School meeting which was about wellness and eating well.
- Home access should be updated by teachers all the time.

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

- Reviewed the activities of H&S year-to-date and the successes of all:
  1. Kids Stuff coupon books, Spirit Wear, Back to School with Rita's, Dine Around Town, Giant, Target, Labels for Education, Box Top for Education all did well.
  2. Milky Way Farms in the fall was a poor turn out. Will probably not do next year.
  3. Hop and Shop had mixed reviews:
    - It didn't make a lot of money, but it was only intended to be a social event.
    - Yankee Candles, movie tickets, and WaWa coupons sold out.
    - Crafters brought in a lot of money.
    - Flowers did not do well.
    - Clothing drive did not do well, probably because of the time of year.
  4. Souper Bowl (staff appreciation) was a great success.
  5. Barnes and Noble book fair was good.
  6. Science Fair had 70 students participate.

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

- Reviewed budget, income, and expenses.
- See Treasurer's Financial Review for more details.

**Committee Reports:**

- **EZ Money:**
  1. Box Tops - Melissa Bell ([bellmeli74@gmail.com](mailto:bellmeli74@gmail.com))
    - Eleven teachers participated in the Box Tops competition for a total of 2000 box tops.
    - Ms. Alden's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class won.

2. Labels for Education – Shannon Gallagher ([gallaghergang102@gmail.com](mailto:gallaghergang102@gmail.com))
    - We have to decide how to spend the money we received.
    - Mrs. Welsh would like to use it for recess equipment.
  3. Dine Around Town – Shannon Gallagher ([gallaghergang102@gmail.com](mailto:gallaghergang102@gmail.com))
    - Chic Fil A in April
    - Rita's in May
- **Family Fun and Social Events:**
    1. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Party – Diana Harper ([dianarrt@verizon.net](mailto:dianarrt@verizon.net))
      - Date set for May 29 with a rain date of June 1 or 2.
    2. Spring Fair – Maria Dennin ([mtpd1969@gmail.com](mailto:mtpd1969@gmail.com))
      - Need to meet with committees.
      - Need lots of people to volunteer to help.
      - Want to add more food vendors and change some games.
    3. Variety Show – Patty Frank ([wildricepatty@gmail.com](mailto:wildricepatty@gmail.com))
      - Need new microphones.
      - Will have a 50/50 drawing.
      - Changing some artwork.
  - **Health and Wellness:**
    1. Safe Homes - Tara Haarlander ([tmmhaarlander@gmail.com](mailto:tmmhaarlander@gmail.com))
      - Champions from district meet every month.
      - Narcotic seminar was eye opening; working on handouts.
      - Technology seminar was eye opening: part of curriculum by federal government.
      - Need to put Stride for boys into place, but we need a coach to do so.
      - Buddy system with Mrs. Copeland about mentoring to first graders.
  - **Helping Hands:**
    1. School Sign – Kathryn Gute ([kathryn.gute@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.gute@gmail.com))
      - We will need a replacement for next year.
    2. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Project – Michelle Singewald ([michelle\\_singewald@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle_singewald@yahoo.com))
      - 5<sup>th</sup> graders hung snowflakes at the Hop and Shop.
      - In April, they will tally what service projects they do to create awareness.
      - They will vote on a charity to donate money.
      - Fund raiser: a watermelon platter with every 5<sup>th</sup> graders' thumbprint to raffle at Spring Fair.
      - Fund raiser: name the drop off loop.
  - **Yearbook:** Maria Dennin ([mtpd1969@gmail.com](mailto:mtpd1969@gmail.com))
    1. Still selling yearbooks.

#### **Old/New Business:**

- Email Kathryn Gute if you still want to continue on your committee next year.
- Utilize the Chester County Intermediate Unit.
- The bulletin board in the lobby is for H&S flyers.
- Clothing drive will coincide with Earth Week in April.
- Boosterthon will be our new fundraiser in the fall.
  1. The company runs the whole thing.
  2. Happens during school day.
  3. It's a seven day run.
  4. Each day is a little character building activity.
  5. Students will get pledges on line so that extended family can pledge.
  6. Move to do in October. Maria Dennin second it.
- Ms. Carroll:
  1. Thanks to all for the successful Barnes and Noble book fair.
  2. \$1,000 gift card bought lots of new books.
  3. Book Fair is set for March 19 for six days.
  4. Use commonsensemedia.org if you need help with what kids should be doing.