



**Shamona Creek Home and School Association**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**September 6, 2016**

Meeting started at 7:00pm

There were people in attendance: Norma Jean Welsh, Maria Dennin, Ann Durkin, Jen Faust, Melissa Bell, Stephanie Cannon, Michelle Williams, Kathryn Gute, Megan Murray, Jacy Briggs, Tara Haarlander, Valentine Schwartz, and Valerie Paudel

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

- Great start to school year. Buses a bit later in the morning, but that helps with student management in the AM. Dismissals are smooth.
- Lunches going well. This year it has changed to a 20 minutes recess and 25 minute lunch from a 15 minutes recess and a 30 minutes lunch. Snack purchasing will start next week for grades 3-5.
- PSSA result parent letters will be sent home soon. Scores are good overall.
- Each class should have a morning meeting. Topics for meetings have been provided to staff or teachers can focus on topics relevant to their class.
- Email blasts every week or two with school updates and HSA news will come from Mrs. Welsh.
- There are technology changes this year in district. This year there will be increased iPad use in K-5, and less laptop use. Starting 2017-2018, the plan calls for individual iPads for students in K-5.
- Dr. Mussoline is retiring after 2016-2017 school year.
- Question: Is Rosetta Stone on iPad or laptops? It will be on a traveling laptop cart this year.
- Gaga Pit: Can we get a gift card for Mr. Allwein for installing pit? Yes.

**President's Report:** Maria Dennin, President (mtpd1969@gmail.com)

- What SCHSA is All About – SCHSA is here to support the school and children. No dues are requested. Fundraising is kept to a minimum.
- What We Have Planned for the Year – Food Truck Event (September 14, 2016), We will be raising funds for our playground update through Boosterthon (October 4-13, 2016)
- Future Plans – We are planning a playground update.

**Secretary's Report:** Melissa Bell, Secretary (bellmeli74@gmail.com)

- Approve Minutes from May 24, 2016 Meeting
  - Ann Durkin approved the motion. Maria seconded it.
- Committee Guide & Committee Needs
  - Shared committee needs. Sign up for committees with be at the food truck night.

**Vice President's Report:** Jen Faust, Vice President (faust31@verizon.net)

- Policies/Procedures to Volunteer
  - Make sure clearances are current. You need to complete the DASD Volunteer Disclosure Form each year.
- Homeroom Moms
  - A hard copy of the Homeroom Parent book will go home to those who have volunteered.
  - There will be a no food policy for parties this year. We will put the focus on fun.
- Working Closely with JHSA
  - Joint Home & School is a group where a board member from each school's HSA meets each month to discuss issues important to HSAs. Sometimes district personnel (superintendent, director of people services, facilities) present information. It is a place to share information between the HSAs at each school. Meetings have not resumed yet for this year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ann Durkin, Treasurer (anndurkin@comcast.net)

- Expenses:
  1. Homeroom/ fieldtrip expenses will total \$19,834.
  2. Art Show, Beautification, Assemblies will need budget line items
  3. Grants – Elimination? Each classroom gets \$200 to spend. Mrs. Dimino is asking for art panels. Topic was tabled until the next meeting.
  4. Line Items to Eliminate – Art Go to School (NJW), Health Alliance
- Playground – Surveys will be done. Our goal is not a complete redo. We would work on pieces to be added. The current playground model is no longer available, so it is not replaceable. The goal is to add pieces to the existing equipment (i.e. more swings, triple toss). Since the large playground would be are focus, it could become a K playground as well.
- Income generation – Boosterthon, Spring Fair, Dine Around Town (Chic-fil-a, Snap pizza kitchen), Amazon Smile, Box Tops, Giant
- Lost income – Target (\$3600) has discontinued their program this year.
- Final budget will be available at October meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Helping Hands:**
  1. Parent to Parent – Tara Haarlander ([tmmhaarlander@gmail.com](mailto:tmmhaarlander@gmail.com))
    - This is a group of Downingtown area parents and community members coming together to create a safe, healthy, drug free environment for our youth. Deals with parent/student/home issues. In particular, mental health, alcohol, etc.
    - Newsletters will be send out less often than last year, but have more information.
    - Discussion nights will continue. They will be either speakers or parent lead discussions. The group is still planning topics for this year.
  2. Beautification – Andrea Sexton ([andrebrian530@msn.com](mailto:andrebrian530@msn.com))
    - Andrea will be checking out what we need. Date will change from Wednesday, September 7, 2016. She will contact us for volunteers to help weed, mulch, etc. District will provide plants and mulch at no cost.
- **Curriculum Enrichment:**
  1. Assemblies – Megan Murray ([megan.k.murray@gmail.com](mailto:megan.k.murray@gmail.com))
    - Working on a backup plan, since original plans feel through. Megan is working with Mrs. Welsh to provide 3 assemblies. A list of possible authors was submitted to Pat Carroll, Librarian. They are trying to have an author, science assembly, and history assembly. Megan needs help on the day of the events.
- **Family Fun:**
  1. Food Truck Family Fun Night – September 14 - Megan Suhoskey ([megansuhoskey@verizon.net](mailto:megansuhoskey@verizon.net))
    - a. Signups for committees, Parent to parent table, 5 food trucks, DJ.
    - b. From 4-7:30pm.
- **Fundraising:**
  1. Boosterthon Fun Run – Kathryn Gute ([kathryn.gute@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.gute@gmail.com))
    - a. First year for our Fun Run was 2015-2016. The event takes place during the school day, with a 9 day curriculum.
    - b. 5 confirmed sponsors for the event. Names will be on the shirts.
    - c. Students collect sponsorships for the run. They can be collected online or in person. The day of the run the students run laps to meet their pledges.
    - d. Volunteers will be needed for pouring water on the day of run.
    - e. Pep rally will be October 4, 2016. The Fun Run is October 13, 2016 in AM and PM shifts.
  2. Box Tops, Giant, Amazon Smile Due September 16 – Megan Murray ([megan.k.murray@gmail.com](mailto:megan.k.murray@gmail.com))
    - a. Box Tops are due September 16<sup>th</sup> for Summer competition
    - b. Flyers for Food Truck night with Giant sign ups on a computer.
  3. Target, Campbell's – Discontinued this year.

- **School Spirit:**
  1. Yearbook – Maria Dennin ([mtpd1969@gmail.com](mailto:mtpd1969@gmail.com))
    - Yearbook needs help from parents for pictures. One idea is to create a Dropbox to collect pictures. Also, badges or shirts for photographers to help them get in to events easier for pictures. Yearbook needs more fieldtrip pictures.

***Old/New Business***

- VP of Fundraising
  1. Megan Suhoskey has resigned from the position. Ann Durkin approved the motion to remove the VP of fundraising position from the SCHSA board. Megan Murray seconded. This position will now be a committee that works to get sponsorships for events.
- Recess Volunteers
  1. Mrs. Welsh is assessing whether we need parents to help with recess/lunch due to teachers getting a 30 minutes lunch period, but kids only get 25 minutes. This would also help with indoor recess supervision.
- Mom's Club of Pickering Valley Troop Collection – Nicole Tardi
  1. The Mom's Club will be collecting items for the troops. A list of items was shared with info about the drive. Nicole would like to collect items at school the first 2 weeks in November. The PE teachers would also like to do a Halloween candy drive for the troops at this time. We will try to coordinate these two events with Julie Batenburg.
- Spring Fair/Variety Show Needs Volunteers
  1. Please talk it up with your friends. There is a lot of information and people to help get someone started on these events.

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