



**Shamona Creek Home and School Association
General Meeting Agenda – Budget Approval
October 4, 2016**

Meeting started at 7:00pm

People in attendance: Norma Jean Welsh, Maria Dennin, Ann Durkin, Jen Faust, Melissa Bell, JC Briggs, Megan Murray

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

- Boosterthon pep rally was today. The school's goal is to raise \$20,000 – Mrs. Welsh will dress as Chewbacca if the goal is met. A teacher meeting was held to go over their role in Boosterthon. Mrs. Welsh had positive feedback on the fun run from last year. Recess is going well. No help will be needed.

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

- Spirit Wear
 - Changing companies to It's A Life Outfitters. The company is run by a Pickering Valley parents. We will offer a few new products. This should be in place for holiday shopping.
- Service Project Update
 - Maria is meeting with Mrs. Welsh to discuss a list of service projects. The first project will be a collection for the military. It will be November 1-11. Mrs. Copeland is also collecting candy for the troops at the same time.
- Playground Upgrades
 - Swings and Triple Toss and a surprise item. Possible gaga pit flooring as well.
 - Marque Bilinski (custodial staff) was at a meeting about new policies and procedures for playground equipment. Maria is meeting with Marque tomorrow to discuss ideas for playground, and district's role in any planned changes.
 - 6 weeks from order to installation.
- Fundraising
 - List of fundraisers will come out after Boosterthon with a note about donations being accepted all year long.
 - Hard to get volunteers for fundraisers. Still need Spring Fair coordinators.
- Art Panels
 - Will be purchased this week. They have a purpose for many events throughout the school year, not just the art show.
- Directory & Website
 - Maria is working with the directory company to correct problems with people getting the wrong link.
 - Directory should be out by end of the week.
 - Website updates are also having problems.
 - We are waiting to see if we can get DASD to share student information for our directory from InfoSnap.

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

- Joint Home and School Update
 - There was a technology presentation to show how tech is spread throughout district.
 - The district stated that they prefer that HSAs use an online source where parents can opt in for sharing student/family information.
 - CCIU will be leading the search for the new superintendent. They are experienced in this type of search.

- Joint Home & School will be asked to complete a survey regarding the search for the new superintendent.
- There was an unexpected enrollment increase over the summer. The district is trying to figure out where students came from. Spot redistricting was done over the summer.
- *Gift of Failure* is the book study in district. DASD recommended parents also read the book.
- The new lunch/recess timing seems to be going well. Kids should have enough time to eat.
- The Rosetta Stone contract is up. District is still deciding what to do in the future. Springton Manor created a STEAM room with Rosetta as an option. Springton Manor's HSA helped with purchasing items. DASD is looking for something that meets the 5C's.
- Beaver Creek is piloting exercise equipment. Recumbent bikes and desk cycles are in some classrooms.
- Mrs. Welsh's response
 - Lunch - New = 25 minutes lunch/20 recess. Old = 30 min. lunch/15 recess. It has been working well. Mrs. Welsh tries to help on pizza day. Lunch monitors tell kids to eat lunch if socializing too much.
 - Rosetta Stone – 1st and 2nd grade are doing STEAM activities with Rosetta Stone as an option. Mrs. Welsh has purchased puzzles, pattern blocks, marble track, and magnetic blocks. Future donations may be asked for.
- Homeroom parents
 - Homeroom parents have received homeroom parent guides.

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

- 2016-2017 Budget Presentation & Approval
 - Classroom and Fieldtrip breakdown (attached)
 - \$200/class except Kindergarten (\$150/class or \$300/teacher)
 - Fieldtrips - \$15.00/student
 - 5th Grade party - \$18/student
 - Special/Other staff – amounts deemed as necessary
 - Budget (attached)
 - Boosterthon calculation is based on 80% of kids participating with each raising \$60.
 - Boosterthon sponsors help cover t-shirt costs.
 - Dine Around Town has been expanded this year – Chic-fil-a, Snap Pizza (50% back to us) in November, Primo Hoagies (football playoff weekend), Urban Air, Chipotle, Isaac's Deli
 - Assemblies – Franklin Institute (November 11, 2016), Author visit, 1 more possible
 - Beautification – DASD supplying more supplies so budget reduced.
 - Grants were increased last year to spend the Boosterthon surplus. The line item was reduced to \$3000. The art panels are the first grant purchase.
 - Playground improvements – Money will come from Boosterthon. Allocation could change based on the success of Boosterthon and other fundraisers.
 - Mrs. Welsh requests
 - Mrs. Welsh tries to encourage teacher school spirit. The first contest is a Fall Festival costume competition with prizes. Could SCHSA allocation in our budget (\$250) to support these efforts. It was decided to raise the Teacher Appreciation budget to \$1000 to cover the prizes.
 - Mrs. Welsh feels that we should increase the learning support classroom money to \$200/class. They support at least 18/class. \$150 for ESL because they move between 2 buildings.
 - JC Briggs moved to approve the budget. Maria Dennin seconded.

Meeting ended at 8:15.