



# Home and School Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

## January 23, 2018

**ATTENDEES:**

**Officers:** Chrissy Kennedy-Kortes, Kate McFarlane, Theresa Sebestyen, and Jill Winkler

**Committee Liaison:** Sara Johns

**Staff:** Jaime Veal

**Parents –** Alison Giese, Tiffany Mercer, Kathy Barnhart, Colleen Tadych, Ashley McKanry, Rachel Schaar, Tonia Schmeier, Theresa Gruenewald, Molly Carroll

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS
<b>Call to order &amp; Introductions</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. in the Elmwood Elementary Library
<b>Review/Approve Minutes</b>	Motioned by Ashely McKanry to approve November 16, 2017 Home and School Meeting Minutes, seconded by Rachel Schaar. The minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.
<b>Notes from the Co-Presidents</b>	Stage Curtain – Installation will be Friday, January 26 <sup>th</sup> . Virtual Reality Purchase – Jaime and Katy determined it was best purchase two set of 10 which will come with 2 teacher control stations. They have been ordered and will be arriving shortly.
<b>Principal’s and/or Vice Principal’s Welcome</b>	Jaime Veal gave the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic</i> – The digital piece of academics was big this year with the roll out of iPads. She noted that they are continually looking for ways to support the staff as to how use and enhance instruction on these devices. She reported that they are working on using different apps (i.e. Seesaw) in the classroom. One of the Teacher Leader Teams held an “Appy Hour” to teach staff about new apps and which been successful. The plan to have 2 “Appy Hours” per year. The new virtual reality goggles will fit into this digital piece of academics.</li> <li>• <i>Behavior</i> – The students have been doing very well with their behavior goals. The Q2 incentive will be held on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and will be a pajama and movie day with popcorn. Jaime thanked all the volunteers that helped pop the popcorn. The behavior team is thinking about Q3 and are looking into ideas that could support indoor recess. One idea is a “game” afternoon where students can play board games. Any games used can then be used for future indoor recesses days.</li> <li>• <i>College Readiness</i> – Jump into Your Future day will be held on February 2nd. A Teacher Leader Team has planned the whole event and all students are scheduled. This event gives students the opportunity to learn about a variety of careers. Additionally, college Spirit Day will be scheduled where teachers and students can wear clothes from colleges and universities. The hope is to spark conversations about higher education options.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer’s Notes</b>	The current budget report was made available and Kate noted the following items since the last H&S meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fun Run line item shows that we have spent approx. \$2,200 more than intended, however our net income was actually over by about \$1000. We recently paid \$2,000 for next year’s event which is reflected in the budget report.</li> <li>• The fee for the musical has been paid at \$648.50. We have \$1500 budgeted for this event.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual Reality goggles have been paid for at a cost of \$3,500</li> </ul> <p>Checking account balance is at \$66,002</p> <p>Available cash is at \$53,445</p>
<b>Past Event</b>	<p><i>Blue Ribbon Staff Social</i> – The event was held at The Preserve at Deer Creek. Kathy Barnhart reported that the event went well and was a success. It was held the same day Eisenhower played in the state football game, therefore there was slightly lower attendance than expected. This event was in lieu of the spring staff social. Theresa Sebestyen showed examples of the Blue Ribbons that were purchased for this event and will be hung throughout the school.</p> <p><i>Staff Cookies</i> – This event went very well again this year. Colleen Tadych noted that fewer people signed up to bake, but those who did volunteer made more cookies this year. The net result was the approximately the same amount as past years. We typically advertise in Pawprints and trying to think of different ways to advertise the event next year. Left over cookies were donated to local police and fire departments. Mrs. Korom’s class created cards to include with these donations. Colleen reported that the event is inexpensive as we only had to purchase the boxes for \$27.00.</p> <p><i>Panera Eat &amp; Earn</i> – We do not have information on what we earned and have not yet received a check. Theresa Gruenewald will follow up with Panera to inquire. Theresa Gruenewald also stated that turn out may have been down due to poor weather the night of the event.</p>
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<p><i>Skate Night</i> - The event will be held on Thursday, January from 6-8 PM at Incredi-roll. Flyers were sent home last week.</p> <p><i>Kwik Trip Car Wash</i> – This fundraiser will be January 29th – February 2nd. It will be advertised on the Elmwood Today Show to expose the students, as well as parents, to the event.</p> <p><i>Bus Driver Appreciation Week</i> - This will take place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February. Jaime reminded the group how much the bus drivers appreciated this last year. Jaime noted that they make sure all morning and afternoon bus drivers receive a “goody bag”. Home and School will donate \$200 towards these “goody bags”. Jaime plans to have the students involved in some way to show their appreciation as well (i.e. cards, signs, banners)</p> <p><i>Movie Night</i> –We will be showing “E.T”. on Friday, February 9th. Kathy Barnhart noted that they will be changing things up for this event. Concession will only be sold before and during a short intermission to deter kids from walking around. Also, she wants to send a reminder that parents must attend with their children and provide supervision.</p> <p><i>Eat &amp; Earn</i> – The BWW event will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> and is an all-day event. A flyer is required. Theresa Gruenewald is looking into the possibility of a second BWW event later this school year. Theresa Gruenewald also reported that the MOD Pizza application has been submitted and has requested the date of March 12<sup>th</sup>. She has not yet received confirmation for this date.</p> <p><i>Teacher/Staff Raffle</i> – Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was noted that Kathy Quandt will be sending a Sign- Up Genius requesting volunteers closer to the event.</p> <p><i>ARCh/Trinity Irish Dance In-Services</i> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARCh will be presenting to Elmwood on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sara Johns is working on finalizing the details. Topic is “Differences, You Gotta Have Them”. There will be one group assembly for grades 2 – 5. Grades K, 1 and 6 will have individual classrooms presentation which will be age appropriate to those grade levels. We are discussing possibly hosting them and may need donations (lunch/snacks).</li> <li>March 9<sup>th</sup> will have Trinity Irish Dance, joining with the Green Team, for a St. Patrick Day/Green theme. Theresa S. has discussed with Mr. Slonac possible ideas to incorporate environment awareness into the day’s activities.</li> </ul> <p>Musical – “Annie” will be presented on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a 2 PM and 6:30 PM shows. Theresa S. has reached out to some volunteers regarding flower sales. The kids are practicing a lot.</p>

<p><b>Other Committee Reports</b></p>	<p><i>Artist in Residence</i> – We are getting ready for Laurel Snyder to come in April 12th &amp; 13th. She will be here for 2 days. We may need some volunteers to help drive her as she prefers not to drive. We may use scholastic dollars to purchase some of her works prior to her arrival so the students can become familiar with her books.</p> <p>Spring Book Fair – This is scheduled for the week of April 16th – 20th. Theme will be animals/pets.</p> <p><i>Wisconsin Thunder</i> – Theresa S. will be meeting with Wisconsin Thunder on February 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of them presenting to the students.</p> <p><i>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation</i> – It was reported that Marlo McCormick is reaching out to the committee. The main planning will begin in about 3 weeks.</p> <p><i>Spring Dance</i> – A planning meeting will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Starbucks in Muskego. The dance will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><i>Staff Appreciation</i> – The theme has been determined, but has not been disclosed yet. Many of the favorites will be coming back. Staff Appreciation week will be the week of May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup> this year which a litter later than past years.</p> <p>High Interest Day (“HID”) – Allison Giese stated that there is a nice committee with some new participants this year. Research is currently being done and the committee will meet again next week. HID will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee will have students select “Top 10” before spring break.</p> <p><i>Yearbook</i> – Rachel requested that pictures be sent to her from school events for the yearbook. Pictures can be sent to her until late April. The yearbook company sends their photographers 4 – 5 times per year (Fun Run, Fall Fest). She noted that she is looking into the theme of “blue ribbon”.</p>
<p><b>Open Floor</b></p>	<p>Kathy Barnhardt brought attention to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She reminded the group that Colleen Tadych will not be returning next year and that the Staff Appreciation Committee is in need of a co-chair.</li> <li>• She updated the group on the Cub Scout Carnival. The event was less attended than prior years possibly due to the weather and flu, however they raised approx. the same amount of money as in past years. They were able to donate \$1,000 to Ronald McDonald House.</li> <li>• She also suggested that we look into a coat rack of some type as there is nowhere to put coats during after school events.</li> </ul> <p>Colleen Tadych commented on how fabulous the evening custodial team, Norma and Carol, are. They are really concerned about keeping the school clean especially with all the flu going around this year. We are very lucky to have them on staff.</p> <p>Molly updated the group on the stage curtain from funds raised by the Fun Run as both Fun Runs have been very successful. Next year the dates for Fun Run will be September 18<sup>th</sup> kick off with the run held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. She is hopeful the earlier date will allow for better weather and an outdoor run. It has not yet been determined as to what to spend next years proceeds on and will discuss at a later date. Molly also noted that next year will be her last year at Elmwood and a new c-chair will be needed for the Fun Run.</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Home and School – March 23, 2018</p>
<p><b>Adjourned</b></p>	<p>Molly Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Tiffany Mercer seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.</p>