



Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2013
7:00pm

I. Welcome – Meeting began at 7:05pm.

Attendance:

Officers: Kerry Sutton, Cathy Bartels

Staff: Principal Royce Lindner, Assistant Principal Meghan Lippold

Parents: Beth Grosman, Sara Johns, Alison Giese, Tanya Loomer
Molly Carroll, Tonia Schmear, Kim Smith, Colleen Tadych, Kelly Sutton

II. Presentation and approval of minutes – November minutes were tabled to March meeting for review and approval. Both January and November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

III. Financial report by Cathy Bartels – Fundraising efforts since last meeting included \$400 addition to the budget for McDonalds night on April 18th. The Dinner/Show brought a \$103 loss. Checkbook balance always stays around \$70,000. Question was raised as to why this was so high. We always plan a year in reserve. Since we have this large sum, it will mean that we won't have to do as much fundraising next year. There are some big ticket items planned for next year and subsequent years including new playground equipment. Also, note that \$7622 in budget is actually Chess Club \$\$\$. Expenses planned for next year include new playground equipment that is color coded by grade. Principal Lindner knows of a vendor that sells playground balls, basketballs, footballs, etc.. in 7 different colors. This will help with inventory and in keeping equipment separated by grade.

IV. Notes from President - McDonald's nights have been successful and fun fund-raisers. The February school skate was very popular and well attended. The 4th grade girl scout troupe went as a group, as it was their regular night to meet. Currently, there we do not have another school skate scheduled, but we will check with Katie Schroeder about adding at least one more before the end of the year. Kerry shared a report from the Dinner/Show fundraiser. Duke Otherwise was very well received and

enjoyed by attendees of all ages. High interest day packets went home this week for students to pick their choices for workshops. There are 30 workshops this year; more than we've offered in the 5 years since inception. Volunteers are needed for all levels of involvement (even if they are only available for a few hours).

V. Committee Reports

FUNDRAISING

Dinner and a Show (Nicole Cooke). The entertainment was provided by Duke Otherwise and Daisy Troop 8011 hosted the dessert bar

Entertainment Books (Tracey Garza) - Entertainment books announced plans to file for bankruptcy, so this most likely will not be a fundraising option for next year.

Market Day (Jeanne Weiss) Next pick up planned for April 19th

Teacher Service Raffle (Kathy Quandt) – Held on February 4-8th. Raised \$936.

SCHOOL SERVICES

Cart Mart (Lisa Henkel) None

Copy Room (Colleen Tadych) Going well. Colleen has six people now helping.

Health Room (Jeanne Weiss) None

School Pak (LouAnn Koppa) None

Spirit Wear (Tracy Plecha) **Table** at Dinner and a Show?

Yearbook (Joy Forberg) – Joy is planning to put together two pages in the yearbook to thank home and school, with pictures highlighting many of the events and fundraisers with pictures of kids/parents involved.

SOCIAL/COMMUNITY

All School Skate (Katie Schroeder) Would like to plan one more all school skate before the end of the year. Stay tuned for more.

Assembly Coordinator (Molly Carroll) The Irish Dancers were at Elmwood on 3/15/13 and were a huge hit. Jim Jalinski, will be at Elmwood doing an anti-bullying assembly for kids on 3/19 & workshop for parents on 3/20/13. Principal Lindner will keep in touch and try to get other schools on board to cut cost. Need to work on larger parent turnout for workshop.

Artist in Residence (Sarah Johns) An artist was found for next October. The artist specializes in paper making and mural creation. Plan to create a mural which will involve all the kids in the entire

school. Home and school will be asked to donate towards the frame for the mural.

Book Fair (Jorie Maring) April 29 – May 3, 2013. Molly Carroll has been shadowing with Jorie to learn about the book fair in plans for running it for 2013/14 school year.

Elmwood on the Go (Shannon Achter) May 10th. Social event with a walk, group exercise class (like Zumba) and food.

High Interest Day (April Schultz/Nicole Cooke) Set for Friday, May 17th. There are 30 workshops planned. We are in need of volunteers to help. It is about Fun and Education. The workshops include Sendik's Cake Decorating, Archery (Kerry Sutton) to all school assembly for "Minute to Win It". Fun Zone will be in Gym. A \$5 fee will be asked from each child to participate. Sponsorship Banner in the Gym – people can donate \$20 to have their name listed on it as a sponsor. Kim Rajala and Cici Butka have stepped up to chair committees. Need to promote meetings in Elmwoods asking for new volunteers

Movie Night (Ann Loomans) Friday, March 22nd. Movie starts at 6:30 pm

Sixth Grade Graduation (April Schultz/ Vacant) – June 10th, starts at 6pm; ceremony first, followed by social time: food, photo booth with props, DJ for music.

Wilderness Weekend (Cathy Boerner) May 3-5 at a rate of about \$9 to come back to the school for each stay.

Over the Edge – New fundraiser planned for next year. It involves the collection of pins by students for their efforts in standing up to bullies. Students will earn a pin when they are nominated by a student/staff member for standing up for others or themselves when they see bullying. The goal is to give away 100 pins, which is the tipping point for Principal Lindner to go "over the edge" (rappelling down the side of a building).

Low Effort Fundraising

Campbell's Soup Labels (Debbie Gillard) Principal Lindner offered to look at playground equipment (\$800 in budget for equipment too).

Donation Letter (Kerry Sutton) Approximately \$3200 raised to date. (goal was \$4000).

GM Box Tops (Susan Valiquette) None

Matty's Loyalty Program (Rachel Houselander) Growing! Tables were set up in hallway during Dinner/Show to showcase this fundraiser.

McDonald's Night (Open Position) Next date is April 18th.

Target (Cathy Bartels) None

- VI. Notes from Principal** – Principal Lindner is looking for ideas on what we can do to show support (on a continual basis) from H & S to the

teachers/staff. The goal is to make the role of H & S more visible to all AND to better connect H & S with the staff (teachers). Royce plans to take this question to the staff for their ideas. Several ideas were raised including: a designated H & S executive board meeting to provide a short update to the staff during staff meeting. This would also be an opportunity to solicit feedback from the staff about their needs. H & S can then help fill gaps and provide assistance. Other ideas included: 1) Inviting classroom volunteers to a “tea” early in the year to meet with the teacher and plan the classroom events for the year. This may work for most classrooms, but not when there are a large number of volunteers. 2) Buy event (like Dinner/Show) tickets for each teacher and their family so they can attend an event and bring their family. This would provide them with an opportunity to interact with the H & S body. 3) A selected parent for each grade would act as a “liaison” to gather feedback and requests from parent prior to H & S meetings and then share the information during the meeting. This would help in representing a larger group of parents at the meeting and provide more information for planning. Many of these ideas could be rolled out during the 2013/14 school year.

VII. Notes from Vice Principal –

Vice Principal Meghan Lippold did not have a report.

VIII. Open Floor

Molly Carroll reported that the drama club will be selling flowers for the performance through pre-orders for parents/family to purchase. The flowers will be purchased from a local florist for a discounted rate. This will provide convenience for parents/family in addition to raising funds for the drama club.

IX. Adjournment- Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, at 7pm in the Elmwood Library. Motion to adjourn at 8:20 by Sara Johns and seconded by Kim Smith . All in favor to adjourn.