PTA Meeting Minutes

Spring Glen School

Date | time Jan 16, 2019 6:33pm | Meeting called to order by Anne Powers

# In Attendance

See attached. Bd Members present: Anne Powers, Co-President; Liz Lowe, VP; Tammy Freeberg, Co-Treasurer; Angela Ames, Co-Treasurer. Liz Lowe acted as Secretary and recorded minutes.

# Board

Secretary Heather Wainwright’s resignation was announced in her absence. Vacancies in the position of secretary and fundraising chair also announced.

# President’s Report

* Budget discussions for 2019-2020 school year will be held during March meeting, attendance needed.
* Third grade requested an additional $165 for their block grant to purchase books for reading curriculum. Erin Trama motioned, Liz Lowe seconded. Motion granted.
* PPT team requested an increase of $150 per team member for a total increase of $150. Liz Lowe motioned, Angela Ames seconded. Motion granted.
* Vice President, Liz Lowe, described the Glow Fun Run. Dates Feb 25-March 6. Every student participates.

# Budget

Tammy presented the highlights of the budget (copies handed out).

# Principal’s Report

Principal Howard Hornreich reported the Stay Put drill on Monday January 14, 2019 went well. Communication to parents was from the district. A person has been apprehended. Students in district safe.

## New Business

* Restructuring was approved by the Bd. Of Ed. Details from the November 29, 2018 meeting can be found on <https://www.hamden.org/page.cfm?p=3834>. Michael Nogelo, member, asked how Spring Glen would be impacted: attendance zones have not been decided, plan is a 3 year process. Cheri Banks, member, asked if Dunbar Hill was being repurposed due to low enrollment, answer: No. Dave Hiller, member, asked if a focus of a town magnet school was decided, answer: No. Sixth grade will be moved to middle school, when and how not stated, three year plan reiterated. Details on which schools will be repurposed or rebuilt can be found on the Hamden Bd. Of Education’s website.
* Enrichment activities such as a presentation of Jungle Book and an upcoming African Drumming event are well received. The Keefe Community Center’s preschool class will attend the African Drumming event. Bus transportation will be paid from Principal Hornreich’s account.
* Partnership with Keefe Center continues with a Diaper Drive. Mr. Sullivan, Art teacher, gathering artwork to send to Keefe Center.
* Art Night Planning has begun, date of event is March 22, 2019
* Budget season for the district is upon us. Please attend district meetings to voice opinions.
* PTA has appointed a Diversity Chair. Staff will be trained in implicit bias. Fifth and Sixth grade will also explore the topic.

# Committee Reports

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* Thank you to Leigh Castaldo for handling social media and the website. Website is secure and ready to take online payments for the 5k race/fundraiser. Online Directory will be up soon and will be password protected.
* Sixth Grade report presented by Tim Trama: Kids Night Out profited $1500. This sixth grade class has 12-14 more kids than last year. Funds needed to pay for annual trip to NYC. Next fundraiser is skate night on January 18, 2019. Trivia night plans have commenced. Look for Kindness Week. Also in partnership with the Keefe Center, the sixth grade will be participating in a service project.
* Dave Hiller, Afterschool Programs: Outstanding enrollment: Approximately 1/3 of school attending. Survey was helpful with 96 responses. Scholarship awareness needs to increase.
* Winter’s Night in the Glen: 20 tickets left.
* 5k: Dave Hiller, Chair: Race will be held April 6, 2019. CAPS Woodworking & Home Improvement, LLC will be title sponsor.
* School Play: no committee members in attendance. Email was sent to Chaundra Vasseur, committee chair, to clarify a few questions. There will be two shows on May 11, 2019.
* Someone Special Dance will either be canceled or moved to a later date due to lack of coordinator.
* Adiba Nabiz, Diversity and Inclusion Chair, said one person has showed interest in joining. She is looking into having a speaker come to the school. Principal Hornreich offered to help communicate needs to school community.

# New Business

* Open items: increasing budget for Art Night; finding funds for an author visit requested by Ms. Redmond, the school’s library media specialist.
* Math and Literacy specialists had requested funds via email to PTA presidents for “One School, One Book.” EBoard will research the ability to use scholastic bucks to purchase the books and report back to members.
* Michael Nogelo, member, created a petition to increase lunch time. It is circulating throughout the community and is asking for help accessing more members of school community to gain additional signatures. Principal Hornreich explained that teacher contracts have been approved. One change is teachers will be on recess duty beginning 2019-2020 school year and the students will gain five minutes of lunch time.

# Motion to Adjourn 7:35pm

Neal Galeota’s name was drawn post adjournment and will receive a $20 Amazon gift card.