

PTA MEETING MINUTES

Spring Glen School

Date | time Feb 13, 2019 3:45pm | *Meeting called to order by* Anne Powers

In Attendance

See attached. Bd Members present: Anne Powers, Co-President; Liz Lowe, VP; Liz Lowe acted as Secretary.

Board

All positions are open for the 2019-2020 school year.

President's Report

- Budget discussions for 2019-2020 school year will be held during March meeting, attendance needed.
 - Diaper Drive for Keefe center has been a huge success, it ends February 22, 2019. Cheri Banks, member, asked about other drives. We will touch base with Isiah, our Keefe contact.
 - Winter's Night was successful. Numbers not presented as no treasurer was in attendance.
 - Thanks to Vince and Misha Serfillippi for volunteering to run a successful Someone Special Dance.
 - Vice President, Liz Lowe, described the Glow Fun Run. Dates Feb 25-March 6. Every student participates.
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Budget

Treasurers were absent, no budget presented. Critical need for membership attendance at March meeting to vote on the budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

Principal's Report

- Staff will be trained in implicit bias in March by Dr. Yohuru Williams; district interested in August training in these practices. Fifth and Sixth grades will also attend a seminar by Dr. Williams.
- Looking to bring Keefe Center kids back after a fun and successful field trip to attend the African Drumming assembly. Mr. Sullivan is working on sending artwork to the center for display.
- Spring Concert May 20, 2019
- Last day of school as of February 13, 2019 is tentatively June 11, 2019
- Field Day is June 7, 2019
- Superintendent Goeler proposed a 2% increase, please attend Bd. Of Ed. meetings to support.
- Thanks to PTA for helping fund the Reading Workshop curriculum. Cass Garrett, member, voiced her concerns on this curriculum and Principal Hornreich suggested she email him as well as the Literacy Chair. Cass also mentioned a need for some books on mindfulness in the library to fulfill a teacher's need.

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: Skate Night raised \$1200. Trivia night is 2/23/19 at High Lane Club. Other events upcoming: Young People's Concert, Fishing, Paradise Club, NYC trip, middle school orientation and a visit from the Foreign Language department.
- Thanks to Dave Hiller, absent (teaching a program) for a stellar Afterschool Programs session.
- 5k: Leigh Castaldo, committee member: Race will be held April 6, 2019. Tickets are already being purchased online. Signs are beginning to go up, if you would like one on your lawn please reach out.
- School Play: no committee members in attendance. Collecting Sponsorships.
- Anne Powers spoke for Liz DiFonzo: need for pre-assembly information to teach the children about the subject prior to the assembly. She also proposed a Fitness Night as a fundraising event.
- Cara McDonough, Diversity and Inclusion committee member presented their ideas and goals including a proposal for a March 21, 2019 International Day.
- Upcoming: Spring Book Fair and Flower sale. Sarah Gallagher, member, inquired about the restrictions on purchases for student's with a coupon. EBoard will discuss at next meeting to create consistency.

New Business

- Increased budget for Art Night to \$700 was approved at EBoard meeting. Looking for volunteers.
- One School, One Book" has been approved. Book is "The Lemonade War." It will be funded through a combination of block grants, enrichment funds from PTA and Mr. Hornreich's principal fund.
- Ms. Redmond, the school's library media specialist, negotiating fee for an author visit.
- Misha Serfillippi, member, inquired about summer Kindergarten playdates, need for assistance.
- Cass Garrett volunteered to count Box Tops.
- Liz Lowe's name was drawn and received a \$20 Amazon gift card.

Motion to Adjourn 4:43pm
