

General Membership Meeting 4/3/19

Board Members in Attendance: Lori Bignotti, Chris Andes, Kelly White, Hitesh Uppal, Wendy Pekol and Kris Bautsch

16 Members in Attendance

Meeting called to order by Chris Andes at 7:06pm

Welcome-Chris welcomed everyone to the April meeting.

Guest Speakers- FUNtivities Teachers

- Kris Bautsch-KLIM (morning announcements) We learned that it was hard to narrow down interests and come up with topics at first. We made a slideshow (6/7 slides). We plan to play the presentations. There are about 11 presentations total. We'd love to do it again. It went well. Kids had a great time. It would be nice to do the presentations live eventually.
- Shawn Riordan-KLIM (morning announcements) We had a great time working with the 3rd and 4th graders. We used PowerPoint to make slideshows. It would be nice to come up with something to include the younger kids.
- Traci Evans-Sounds of Clay (with Mrs. Ellison) The students completed three clay projects. We had lots of fun. It was nice to see kids after school. Our FUNtivity included 3rd and 4th graders. Clay is a favorite of the kids!
- Kristin Williams and Alice Alba- Weird Science. Our FUNtivity included 3rd and 4th graders. This FUNtivity involved fun activities while going through the scientific process. So, it was a bit educational. We had a different theme each week. We learned/used scientific vocabulary and changed the variables. If we run it again, we could do a younger group, but it would be challenging to span the science content across first grade through fourth.
- Kids in the Kitchen (Marcellus/Albright) Lori Bignotti spoke on behalf of this FUNtivity. She stated that this FUNtivity included 1st through 4th grades. The students created six different recipes. This was our largest FUNtivity group. Each student walked away with a recipe book for home. It was lots of fun!
- Other comments from our guest speakers- We should try to have more options for the younger grades. This was a very positive pilot program! Lori Bignotti added that we had to figure out dismissal, but it all worked out. Snacks/Water were provided between 3:40pm-4:00pm. Parents were very punctual (Kristin Williams). If we do it again, maybe late fall or late winter/early spring (Lori Bignotti).

Later Start Time for Secondary Schools- Lori Bignotti

- Options: 1) Reverse start times OR 2) Push everyone back an hour. It may interest you to stop by a School Board Meeting because this topic appears to be gaining momentum. Patti Andes asked if we could publicize the school board meetings in our HSL communications. Maybe add this information to our weekly communication and/or monthly agenda? Limerick Elementary attended this past month's school board meeting to showcase our HIGH FIVE initiative.

Budget Review (March) - Hitesh Uppal

- Income-Basket Raffle (\$14,880.87), Family Fun (\$119.31), Fundraising (\$5,386.25), FUNtivities (\$768.60), Giant A+ (\$308.14)
- Expenses-Bank Charge (\$30.00), Field Trips (\$3,866.58), Outdoor Classroom (\$1,284.38)
- Patti Andes motioned to approve, Seconded by Susan Gilbert

March Minutes – Wendy Pekol

- Lydia Taylor motioned to approve, seconded by Roopali Uppal

Committee Chairperson Vacancies

- Outdoor Classroom-Kris Bautsch explained what this role would entail. He could use help in organizing events, getting volunteers, and picking up plants/vegetables.
- Fundraising, Dine-Out Nights, and Family Bingo Night also have chairperson vacancies.

Committee Updates

- Yearbook (Chris/Talia) We have been informed that the due date is 4/5, not 4/12 as was previously publicized. Try to get your yearbooks by this Friday (4/5). Denise Phillips asked if she would receive any confirmation about her order. Chris said no. Talia will continue to serve as yearbook chairperson for two more years.
- Fundraising (Kelly) Reading Phillies (\$380), Popcornopolis (about \$600)
- Book Fair (Wendy) It will be held 5/6 through 5/10. Family Night will be held on 5/9 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. An inflatable dinosaur will be used to help promote interest in the book fair.
- Staff Appreciation (Kelly)-Alice Alba thanked us for the taco bar. ☺. On April 16th, we will be hosting a coffee cart for the teachers. Look for a SignUp in the coming days. Staff Appreciation is 5/6 through 5/10. The Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held 5/8.
- Family Fun (Chris/Kelly)-Mobile Teddy Bear? Jess Tolomeo is possibly coming up with a Sky Zone activity/event? (Jen Haberacker)-Family Bingo Night was a huge success. We had almost 100 kids in attendance. (Lori Bignotti)- A portable microphone was ordered the following Monday (4/1).
- School Store (Chris)-We haven't held school store in some time. We need to get one on the calendar.
- Designer Bag and Gift Card Bingo (Chris)-Unfortunately, ticket sales did not meet the minimum number we needed to break even. We need to cancel this event. Ticket money will be returned.

Member Comments/Questions

- Denise Phillips asked when the art show will be held. Kristin Williams said May 14th.
- The Spring Fling will be held on 5/4.
- Lori Bignotti talked about PSSA's – There will be a schedule change with the specials. The materials are here. Testing is done in the morning. Please try to get your kids to school and on time. Patti Andes asked when the sessions conclude each day. It depends (Kristin Williams).
- Denise Phillips asked if there is a Wellness Committee. Kristin Williams replied that there is a Wellness Committee for the district. LES and Spring City do a Wellness Day. Wellness Day originated as a Career Day.
- Lori Bignotti said the walking path will be going in this summer. She discussed the different proposals. Bricks will be at the entrance to the walking path. Someone has volunteered his time and materials for the brick portion. Everything has been approved. We are now waiting for the township to approve permit to begin work.

Upcoming Events-

CORRECTION: Yearbook orders are due Friday, April 5th

Wednesday, April 17th through Monday, April 22nd-Spring Break

Monday, May 6th through Friday, May 10th-Spring Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, May 6th through Friday, May 10th-Staff Appreciation Week, May 8th -Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Next Meeting- Wednesday, May 1st 7-8pm

Call to Adjourn-Jen Haberacker motioned, Seconded by Roopali Uppal, Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.