

FALL CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTSA 2.18.15
Board Meeting Minutes
October 2nd, 2014

Call to Order at 9:20am

Quorum present

Approval of Minutes from August 12th, 2014 Board Meeting - approved

Principal's Report – Monica and Dan

Hi-C – New laws so that the school district needs to test earlier and identify those highly capable students, FCES needs to be compliant with the law so letters went out to parents for kids in 1st-3rd communicating that the test will be administered. This first test is a screener to determine who should receive the additional testing. The District is putting together a committee to address this new mandate as besides the identification testing there are other issues for FCES and other schools such as space. We don't have space to add a Hi-C teacher and class for 2/3rd grade, but we do need to go forward and determine who they are and get those numbers to develop and plan and program.

The current FCES Hi-C program is just for 4th and 5th graders. Those kids already in the program will continue "as is".

If we get any questions we are to forward to Monica.

Bucket Fillers Assembly - We were contacted by SES to see if we wanted to go in with them on it. Carrie talked with Counselor Kelly and she said wasn't based on last years' bucket filler assembly it was not something we wanted to do again and not really the direction FCES wanted to take.

-Carrie brought up the FCES PTSA money in accounts and CDs to Monica and Monica has a strong focus for more technology in the classrooms

Monica's goal is a 1:1, but is not really realistic this year so the idea is to assign a team of teachers a device (two teachers within a grade level). Looking for teacher feedback on that and figuring out what do. They are analyzing what we currently have and looking to see if there is something we could do to help meet Monica's goals.

-Monica thanked PTSA for jumping on Watchdogs and helping support and get that launched
The schedule is the same every day of the week for any dad coming in for Watchdogs. Watchdogs has set up an online signup program for the dads to commit to one day a year (Dads can do more than one day if they like). Then Monica works to set their schedule so when they come in and check in at the office they will know exactly where they need to go and when and everything they do should be value added for the kids/classes/school.

Presidents' Report: Carrie Ahlstrom

- Board of Directors and Committee Chair Update – wont fill curric diret and comun outreach
Brought up wanting to go away with Hug Buckets – will table that for another meeting
- Family Dinner (during Open House and Book Fair) – Kathy brought up Book Fair and scholastic dollars are cut so we don't have as much money to do the buy two get one free book program. And giving the new teachers money towards building their book library.
Kathy talked to Julie about the Family Dinner and last year she talked to Mt Si Culinary arts come help out with set up and restocking and Julie said the baked potato bar worked well last year.
- Turkey Trot – need volunteers for this event. Volunteer packet on the website already exists – just needs to be made live
- Spelling Bee – still do not have a confirmed chair for this event
- Talent Show – need to meet with person who expressed interest in chair position

Board of Director and Committee Reports:

Walk-A-Thon: Michelle Ingalls – two concerns only need about half the volunteers we need signed up.

Carrie is going to do an email to teachers to post and email out to their parents for volunteer needs

Everything else is ready to go except the t-shirts are not in yet but looking at getting them Monday

VP Events: Kathy Peale - most events discussed above already

Volunteer Support: Jennifer Beebe – Jennifer will follow-up with Kim Kelly on Parent Play day for logistics and where the equipment is located.

Treasurer's Report: Kimberley Lobet

- Membership Meeting Report – did not get to this meeting – tabled for future meeting

Secretary Report: Krista Jordan

- Website Stats – Didn't not review during the meeting but everyone was given a hard copy

Adjournment: at 11:30

Important Upcoming Dates

- Sahara Pizza Night: October 8th
- Walk-A-Thon: October 9th: BBQ 11:30am, WAT 1-3pm
- SVSD Board Meeting: October 9th, 6:30pm
- Parent Play Day: October 17th, 11:30am
- Picture Retake Day: October 23rd
- SVSD Board Meeting: October 23th, 6:30pm
- WAT Assembly: October 24th, 9:15am
- Membership Payment Due: October 25th (Initial Payment of Membership Service Fees)
- Vision and Hearing Screening: October 28th
- Book Fair: November 3rd-7th
- Family Dinner/Open House: November 4th, 5:30pm Dinner, Open House 6:00pm
- Veteran's Day Assembly: November 7th
- Veteran's Day: November 11th-No School
- Sahara Pizza Night: November 12th
- SVSD Board Meeting: November 13th, 6:30pm
- PTSA General Membership Meeting: November 13th, 9:15am
- Turkey Trot: November 15th
- Parent Teacher Conferences: November 21nd-26th
- Thanksgiving Holiday: November 27th and 28th-No School
- PTSA Board Meeting: December 11th, 9am
- SVSD Board Meeting: December 11th, 6:30pm