

Sato Elementary Community Organization

COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

February 28th, 2024 / 3:45 PM / Sato Library

Welcome & Review of Meeting Minutes

1. Reading of Mission Statement (Kim & Jamie L.)
 - a. “The Sato Elementary Community Organization (SECO) is a parent-led group who partner with our teachers to enhance the total well-being of the students of Sato. Our goal is to enrich their learning experience by fostering community among parents, teachers and staff.”
 - i. mission read
2. Approval of previous minutes (Jamie L.)

YES approved

General Updates

3. Update on Gayathri (Kim)
hopefully coming next week
- 4.
5. Treasurer’s Report (Steve)
 - a. YTD Budget vs Actual we’ve spent 7,000 of the budget
 - b. Funds still available only kinder and 5th have gone on field trips.
 - c. we are looking into the budget and making adjustments as needed
 - d. we have only spent \$300 in popcorn friday stuff
 - e. Sato paid for the rock wall. Thank you!!!
 - f. \$85,537 is what we have 60,472 is amount in the budget. Hoping for an end of the year total of \$108,472 after the Raccoon run.
 - g. Steve shared the budget
 - h. Steve shared how much money each teacher has and what is remaining
 - i. Teachers are doing well buying things and can continue to do so. We still have \$15,000 available

6. Cultural Night Recap (Kim & Sameer)

- a. It was a success. family feedback: sign up was good, overall layout was popular, but booth volunteers were disappointed they could not have food at their booths but we couldn't because there was no food in the gym.
- b. Suggestions were: Learning some dances and art for the cultural events, setting up different candy for kiddos with allergies. Having a library that kids could check out books. Mrs. Fry agreed to set up a mini-library for the event. .
- c. Teachers feedback stated that they would like to be informed of the sign up's a different way. Mrs. Pleau was present. Maybe signing up differently next year.
- d. Ideas for fundraising:
 - i. country themed baskets that could be raffled off.
 - ii. a paid hosted tasting event that could be done, however we would need to make sure this is an event that can be feasible and generate money.

7. Fundraising (Kim & Steve)

- a. DNO at Chipotle
- b. Raccoon Run is May 10. On March 18th we are going to begin fundraising for that. Have parents and SECO reach out to businesses to see if we can get sponsors.
- c. Raccoon Run
 - i. The goal next year is to host it in the fall. The big issue is we will probably be making less in the fall due to the short turnaround time. We need sponsors. Keep working on it.
 - ii. We are doing new shirts. We are trying to have rainbow colored shirts. It was thought of to separate by grade so everyone will have a rainbow of colored shirts. There was discussion regarding the shirt colors vs plain vs colors depending on teachers so when the kids are running they have a specific color.
 - iii. classroom participation prizes student goal of movie night are some of the ideas being presented.
 - iv. Gym teachers suggested having kids use stickers to identify how many laps they ran. Teachers were worried about this from a sticker stealing and having students put stickers in the wrong places on school property.
 1. Jamie M suggested lanyards and conference badges to put stickers on. She would be able to secure these for us.
 2. Maybe use running bibs.

3. It was suggested to have a room volunteers (1) to help teachers with placing running tally things on, to collect the lap count at the end, assist with the general flow of the run.
4. mylar balloons will be used for decor

8. Library Update (Tammy)

- a. OBOB
 - i. battles happen =Jan and feb but books have been bought in May for the 2024 year. So basically we purchase the year ahead.
- b. Missing the link of signing up volunteers we need help for this. Please try to have a OBOB coordinator link
- c. Library Media Campaign
- d. certified instructors are teachers, classified are nutrition, Paras, recess duties.... We used to have 1 full time librarian and 1 part time librarian. Sato circulates more books than Westview. Tammy stated Librarians are bargaining for their contract and are asking for just compensation. Seco is in agreement with this and are planning to ask for the community to spread the word, to advocate for our librarians/classified teachers.
- e. Ways we can help: send a letter, join the meeting in March board meeting in person or zoom.

9. Fifth Grade Celebration (Jamie L.)

- a. Plan Steve will pay for king pins personally soon. Jamie will follow up early next week with this.
- b. Fundraising Needed
 - i. we will have all kids bring \$10 so no funding needed. We are planning to have the kids get bucket hats and will have extra money for another project or fun thing.

10. Movie Nights (Kim & Sameer)

- a. Sameer to organize.
- b. April 5th send a message to teachers ASAP.
- c. Work with Bethany childcare to have this even start earlier. 6-7:30pm.
- d. we must sell tickets limit to 250 adults and 250 kids
- e. maybe provide pizza because this is close to dinnertime.
- f. Nothing is finalized but the date. This will need to be followed up with outside of the meeting. IE: are we getting pizza, where, what movie, how many tickets, the cost, any other add ons

11. Spiritwear (Hannah)

- a. order placed \$3901.61 we are waiting for further info. We ordered through 4imprints.
- b. raccoon run shirts are MyTPrints which is local. I think the quote was \$6,000 but not totally sure. We need to finalize these soon with sponsors and colors so they can be ordered in time to sort and provide them to the teachers..l

12. Popcorn Friday Update

- a. We got a coordinator for morning and afternoon. Next popcorn event is March 22nd.
- b. maybe pirate booty packages braces friendly option this was not decided just discussed

13. Updating Website (Kim)

- a. we are going to update the website. Kim is going to look into this

14. Chess Club (Sameer)

- a. no volunteers found. Nothing found for the chess club. We need parents. Table for next year.

15. Coming in May: Conference Dinner and Staff Appreciation Week

- a. Lead for each
 - i. we will table it for next meeting. Be aware this is close to Raccoon run

16. New Business (Kim)

- a. Yearbook we got an estimate from Dorian. We have parents willing to begin this. \$12.88 a book, of 32 pages, we have several parents willing to do this. We would take pre-orders. We need a minimum number to make them. The number was between 200-400. Jill the person interested in this project will need to get back to us on the minimum number
- b. Open Discussion
 - i. We need more info on this. Jill will look into this and let us know

Administration Update

17. Principal Update (Annie Pleau/Larissa Parker)

- a. looking forward to the wellness night on 2/29/24
- b. read across america. We will have book giveaways. We will have read aloud in the assembly. Guest readers are coming. Parade of books where you dress like your character.
- c. assembly March 22 socks, crocs and flip flops.

Closing

18. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. update yearbook
- b. the raccoon run.
- c. Mr. Irwin submitted a request for funds for the reptile man. Steve did not receive this so it was encouraged to have Mr Irwin re-submit it.
- d. dine out at chipole

19. Next Meeting: March 20, 2024 @ 3:45 PM in the Sato Library