

Board Attendees:
Alyssa Adeyemi, Liz Gibbons, Sue Rizzardi, Sarah Yurasko , & Shanon Griffith
Cherry Run Representatives:
Mark Bibbee, Leslie Lauth-Torres
Members:
Lynessa Erlar, Aileen Heberer, Heather Goodwin, Dan Neumann, Edward Reynado, Kay Emerson, Jennifer Hallman, Jason McConachy, Cindy Allen, Becky Rotem

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order

- Welcome and thank you for making time with spring sports.

Principal Update by Mark Bibbee

- The school is back from spring break
- Don't forget there is a 2hr early release this Friday and off on Monday for Teacher Work Days
- Renovation Updates:
 - Planters will be filled soon, some with Cherry Trees (probably a couple of weeks)
 - Phase 3 – small area so it is moving quickly
 - Renovation is on schedule, pictures will be posted soon.
- SOL tests coming up as well as end of year testing
 - Some SOL tests (3rd grade) were removed and replaced with projects
 - One SOL test in 5th grade was replaced with a writing assignment
- Staffing Concerns for 2018/2019
 - We have already started the advocacy process for next year.
 - School is typically understaffed through Fairfax County budget expectations
 - Started at 451 students, now we are closer to 500, requiring an additional three teachers.
 - Projections with budgets put us closer to 411 next year.
 - We do have two teachers on a “hold” that we cannot hire until final enrollment numbers
 - We predict needing 15 teachers, and we currently have the budget for 12 with two on “hold”

- There may be a boundary study that happens after the renovation is complete knowing that both Sangster and White Oaks are over enrolled. (If this happens it wouldn't be for another year or two.)
- We actually would benefit from the boundary study to ensure that we meet the three teachers per grade
- We do not need to let go of any staff except Kindergarten
- We currently only have 9 students registered for Kindergarten next year. We need at least 20 to keep Ms. McGuire.
- Teacher selections involve the current teachers and M. Bibbee.
- Each grade level makes a backup plan with options if grades might split to more classes.
- Q: Are we still part of the pilot program with classes set before end of year?
 - We were part of the pilot and now this is county wide policy.
- Teachers will be shifting around grade levels combined with two new hires.
- May 15th is the cutoff for letters regarding classroom environment/friend preferences.

Elections

- Executive Board Nominations/Announcement of Slate for 2018/2019
 - President: Alyssa Adeyemi
 - 1st VP: Sue Rizzardi
 - 2nd VP: Sarah Yurasko
 - Treasurer: Edom Aweke
 - Secretary: Shanon Griffith

President's Report

- Talent Show is back on!! Thanks greatly to Aileen H. who secured a location
 - Talent Show scheduled for May 30th at Irving Middle School
 - May 23rd dress rehearsal
 - Performance and Dress Rehearsal will be in the evening
 - Ann Marie is heading this up
 - We currently need volunteers
 - This pretty much planned, we just need people to cover the spaces
 - Volunteer commitment would be around 5 – 8:30 on the rehearsal and performance dates
 - Budget:
 - In the past, kids received t-shirts after the event
 - We didn't have anything in the budget this year assuming we would not be able to host it
 - If we can include 700.00 in the budget but it would be budget neutral and allow parents to write checks to us for t-shirts rather than Ann Marie
 - Cindy Allen motioned we add this item to the budget
 - Jen Hallman seconded

- Cardinal Art Recycle Project:
 - Running next week
 - Similar to pumpkin patch
 - Make a cardinal out of recycled materials
 - There will be some raffle prizes
- Lunch Charges:
 - Some parents are concerned about being double charged for lunch items
 - Alyssa contacted the food services manager for the region
 - If we don't hear back, M. Bibbee will follow up
 - Please check your accounts to make sure you are not being double charged
- Cardinal Connection:
 - Attempted to do a new format for the last quarter
 - There were very limited teacher responses (end of year, moving, etc.)
 - We will revisit again next year.
 - We are looking for someone to help us with creating flyers and emails, as well as heading up the Cardinal Connection next year
- PTA Room
 - Now complete and moved in
 - Cleared out everything from the pod and is now unpacked on shelves
 - This is a locked room – key will remain in the main office

1st VP Report

- Final Restaurant Night Jun 4th: 4 – 8pm at Chipotle
- Family Fun Night at Flight
 - May 2nd 5-8pm
 - 11.20 adults / 7.70 kids - for an hour (reduced prices)
 - This is not a fundraiser
 - Must have or purchase socks to jump

2nd VP Report

- Open Positions:
 - New Families
 - Staff Relations
 - Book Fair
 - Newsletter – Dan Neumann NEW Volunteer!
- There is an extra 100\$ for volunteer recognition – we would like to put that toward retirement presents or to custodial staff.
 - Open for thoughts? – No comments
- Recognition:
 - Thank you to Cindy and Stacee for the work on the Silent Auction
 - Thank you to Auditing Committee

Treasurer Report

- Budget Updates:
 - \$400.00 overage for the year
 - The board next year will inherit a large deficit for next year.
- Teacher Reimbursements
 - There are about \$300.00 of teacher receipts
 - There is no more money for teacher reimbursements and we recommend that we close out this fund
 - There is however money left in the professional development funds
 - Could we close out the Professional Development funds, and move 1000 into Staff Supplies?
 - Cindy Allen motioned
 - Seconded by Aileen Heberer
 - Voted on – Passed
- Facilities Budget
 - Last year we funded part of the Cardinal Tile
 - This year we have earmarked funding to Facilities, which M. Bibbee would like to use toward the electronic sign
 - How much do we want to allocate to the sign from the available \$2,100?
 - We know there is also a need for rugs and PE equipment
 - We have reached out to Jen Dixon for more details on amounts and needs.
 - We haven't heard back yet regarding this
 - Q: Could we reach out to Room Parents about teacher appreciation week and end of school gifts about possibly funding rugs.
 - Sarah will follow up with teachers and room parents.
 - We will table this decision until next month (when we have more information about PE equipment costs and needs)

Committee Updates

- Silent Auction:
 - Success – raised over \$5000.00
 - All funds will go to Technology
 - Previously, this money was handed over as a blank check
 - However, this year we would like the PTA to look at the decisions to make sure these are put toward resources for the whole school and not just a few of the grades
 - Some people suggested IXL
 - Alyssa will contact the teachers for suggestions on where to allocate this money
 - We also might want to consider changing where we want to allocate the money from this fundraiser next year
- Fitness Club:
 - Kids brought in calendar, and there will be cross fit session tomorrow

- Box Tops:
 - Spring submission brought in 619.90
 - All the rest of the box tops will go to the fall submission
- Odyssey of the Mind:
 - 4th grade team placed first and moving on to Regionals
- May 12th Science Fair for participating families
 - Can we add a budget neutral line item to handle the money collected for entries?
 - Jen Hallman - motioned
 - Cindy Allen - seconded
- Fairfax County Sub Policy
 - Contacted the county to encourage them to review the policy of when people are dismissed and no longer allowed to sub.
- Next Meeting: May 9th at Burke Center Library
 - Eileen Filler-Corn may attend the May meeting.