



Lorton Station

School and Home Partnership

Minutes and Notes
January 5, 2015

I. Principal Update

- Principal Jackson
 - Principal Jackson introduced the attending teacher – Ms. McGuiness (3rd Grade, First SHP attendance).
 - She articulated the general environment in the school, as they conclude the 2nd quarter.
 - Student holidays – Jan 18-19
 - Assessments
 - High goals for developmental reading assessments: Jan-Feb 3
 - Math assessments – Problem solving goals
 - New assistant Principal – Ms. Temple-Milner (replacing Mr. Shipman)

II. Finance

- Budget Report
 - Minimal income from CFC = \$600
 - Music Week – Shirts
 - Yearbook money – anticipate high sales; another opening for orders forthcoming
 - School Beautification Project – 2 Requests Rejected as we didn't set aside funds this year. Open to re-establishing the line at \$200
 - Principal Jackson shared more on the beautification background, including activities at other schools. Beautification committee established. Lorton Station students allowed to vote on projects. Agreed to make the bathrooms look better.
 - In response, several suggestions were shared, including
 - donations from community stores
 - hold a school enhancement day (summer)
 - When Principal Jackson noted the need for more parent volunteers, the SHP discussed
 - ways to recognize parents that donate their time/volunteer (i.e., certificate)
 - Community Service: consider adding beautification to the community service list - 8th grade students likely to volunteer as they need community service hours
 - Concluded with the recommendation that the Beautification committee do a presentation for the SHP.
 - Tax Filing – Jason Weiss, Treasurer working on it
 - CFC application – Jon Ann Flemings collaborating with Jason Weiss
- Before/After School Program Plan
 - Chess Club: Held from 7:45-9:00; currently printing the shirts with the design chosen by the chess club; next 13 week session about to begin on February 26th
 - Math Club and Odyssey of the Mind: Fully up and running; 2 teams and may add another one; registration for Odyssey of the mind has been paid
 - STEM: working with Stem Excel to offer 2 winter and 2 Spring classes; handout provided; lots of questions about the quality of the provider and an offer from the math club organizer to assist.

- Sports Clubs: Working with Overtime Athletics to offer 2 winter and 2 Spring classes; handout provided; commentary circled around whether more classes could be offered and the limited space available for classes.
- Foreign Language Experience – FLEX program: Representative coming to February SHP meeting, general information provided

III. Fundraising Activities

- Bookfair: Barnes & Nobles - 01/08/2016, only received 3 book wish lists from teachers, Did not receive any artwork for Art Show, volunteers still needed, but we might still be able to pull it off, as the band is planning to come and play
- Box Tops: Historically a success, December Contest results and upcoming contest being planned.
- Yearbooks: Sales usually strong, will issue another call for orders
- School Supplies Program: Found a supplier (Campus Survival Kits) that does not require us to repackage the delivery, so fewer volunteers needed. Ms. Jackson – in collaboration with Ms. McGuinness – agreed to provide the supply lists by March 1.
- Movie Nights
 - 2/19/2016 - Home (Released July 28, 2015)
 - 3/11/2016 - Minion Movie (Released December 8, 2015)
 - 5/13/2016 - Goosebumps (Released January 26, 2016)
 - 6/3/2016 - change to a Family Fun Night? Zumba?
- Dine Arounds
 - 12/15/2015 – Chick-Fil-A was a great success!
 - Next dates
 - 2/17/2016 (McDonald's)
 - 6/1/2016 (Tutti Frutti)
- School Store
 - Vibrant discussion
 - Supplies were just purchased and sales are strong. Ms. Jackson and Ms. McGuinness acknowledged the excitement of the students.
 - However, teachers have complained that students are misbehaving by playing with toys in class. Becoming too disruptive.
 - SHP noted concern that this had not been reported earlier.
 - Extensive discussion on how to handle the problem, several options considered, including shutting down the school store for some limited period of time. Also discussed alerting broader community of parents.
 - Principal and teacher encouraged to bring forward concerns in a timely manner
- Other: Discussion on Math class line up: Full time AAP = level 4; levels 3 and 2 are part-time AAP; level 1 is the pilot class offered this year. Questions on how the decisions were made on students to put in level 1.