

**LORTON STATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL HOME PARTNERSHIP MONTHLY MEETING
January 10, 2017**

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

- Continuing to interview to fill critical positions (one 6th grade AAP, one Special Ed). Focus remains on the “right” candidate. Looking for dedication, Experience with the curriculum, and fits with the team. Reference checks are key.
- Testing – WETA going on now. Annual testing required by govt. for kids with ESL. Mid-year DRA (reading) coming up. Monday and Friday are off days next week.
- Quarter ended on Jan 2. Report cards will be sent out around February 14.

FINANCE REPORT

- Income: Fall Fundraisers (\$1300)
- Debits: Chess Club paid (\$4,200); STEM Excel paid (\$600).
- Remaining funds: between \$5,000 - \$6,000.
- Miscellaneous: We are now paying for our own CC processing; final dine around scheduled for Feb, but will squeeze in another before the year is up.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- STEM Excel – Started this week.
- Dance Club – Begins February 13
- Sports Club – Tentatively starting in April
- Girls on the Run – Spring Session being scheduled
- Dance club – under consideration. Sponsors wants to offer for free and SHP highlighted several cons to that approach (no longer a fundraiser for the school, sets a tone and perception that time is not valuable; already very narrow participation). 660 flyers suggested but not necessary given only 20 slots; All agreed to move forward regardless, highlighting the pros over the cons. Vice Principal asked to reiterate to the sponsor/teacher the objectives of the small fees collected for any class.
- Discussion – Extensive discussion continued on late pick up by parents for select Before and After school programs. Teachers and principals highlighted this is a new development and not witnessed in earlier years of the program. Some speculated that the shift could be the introduction of free programs with little tracking. Need to hone in on the accountability issue. Current penalties are not strong enough. Discussion circled around 1) How has on-time pick up been conveyed; 2) Do club organizers have SHP contact number; 3) Does the School have SHP contact number; 4) Who is ultimately responsible? NOTE: interest by Vice Principal in getting teachers out of the office on time and enjoying time with their families (i.e., quality of life).
- Suggestions:
 - Reiterating the consequences for late parent arrival – all agreed but discussion unresolved on exactly how, some suggested monetary penalties

- Monetary penalties – could include a deposit system. Lots of remaining questions about monetary penalties (i.e., how money will it be dispersed, collected, etc.) Suggestion to research the SACC method.
- Non-Monetary solutions – Parents could have to come and sign a contract. Change the policy and gather contact information, call to confirm the sheet.
- Move to no more paper registration
- Create a late pick up form – must be completed by anyone picking up more than 5 minutes late. Must give to Principal
- Parent volunteer program an option; highlighted that SHP hired vendors to address the fact that many parents are not available;

EVENTS

- Need to locate another movie night. Will ask Ms. Jackson
- 125 6th graders – special plans for sixth graders will be announced.
- CFC application under development by SHP
- Spelling Bee in February