

**LORTON STATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL HOME PARTNERSHIP MONTHLY MEETING
February 7, 2017**

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

- End of Second Quarter
- Fire Drill today, 73 degrees in February; kids loved it
- Final stages of DRA testing – all must be completed by February 10.
- Other testing: This is the time of year where testing is quiet, with the exception of 4th grade parents (selected kids; NAEP for benchmarks on reading and math).
- Kids are focused on finishing 6th grade, while teachers are looking ahead to next year. Letter to sixth grade parents is forthcoming; Ms. Jackson to confirm the date.
- Report cards will be issued on Tuesday
- Health: Lots of sickness (Stomach flu; flu); Reminding parents to keep kids at home for 24 hours before they return; reminding kids to wash their hands
- Parents noted that the voicemail attendance system isn't working properly when parents leave a message regarding a child's absence. Principal agreed to check into it.
- Hired a new 6th grade teacher; 6th grade advanced academic; new school based technology specialist. New teacher excited to be here (title 1). Demonstrated success of working with parents.
- Focus now shifting to bringing the school website back up to par; all pictures are outdated, no schedule. Should take another 2 weeks.
- When asked about Black History Month, Principal confirmed that nothing is planned.

FINANCE

- Debits: Cashed big checks - Chess Club funds (NOTE: need to consider charging Chess for SHP collecting funds for them. Cost is often significant, while other vendors collect their own fees. Agreed to review options, such as recouping fees at a minimum. Spent over \$500 to date)
- Will process a new no-hassle fundraising push and include other no hassle options (i.e., Giant; iGIVE; Amazon.Smile)
- Consider another fundraising option, such as a readathon. Grandparents and family members really supported it in past years.
- Dine Around Nights: new Chipotles is a great option, highlighting our 1000 students and 150 staff members; SHP president already approached them but will give them a second try

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Language classes: From Jan 25 to Feb 1; cancelled 2 classes due to low participation. Just Spanish and French planned; will try to get a second day; biggest issue is locating a teacher. Agreed to check on whether or not enrollment can occur over the summer; might be easier next year with the early start. SHP can offer an early registration process.
- Dance Club – received 45 applications; given implementation of new policies on pick up, 17 applications that need to reach out to regarding the pick-up policy.

- Sports Club starts in April
- Chess starts on Friday 10th
- Kaizen Karate application for the gym; Ms. Jackson will try to find a solution that doesn't impact SACC; could begin in April for 8 weeks.
- **Discussion Points:**
 - Given changes to address late parent pick up for some after school programs, the team completed a review of the final language on the Afterschool Programs Pick-up policy. Reviewed how police involvement might occur. Also discuss the use of the late pickup Form: reviewed the need to document all occurrences and completing all the fields; Reiterated the need to use and turn in the forms to Principal to give to SHP. Dance club will be the first; next session of Stem.
 - Team discussed the need for SHP to clear all flyers for afterschool programs. Full agreement and understanding
 - January 23rd incident; STEM student didn't make it to class, but made it home. Jackson asked that we remind parents to reinforce with students on days when they have class – Agreed. All also agreed to revise the dismissal order as follows: B&A School Programs/SACC/Walkers/Kiss & Ride

EVENTS

- Barnes and Nobles – offered another fundraiser. March 16th proposal
- Dine Around – dates needed, can work on the following options: Silver Diner, Moe's; Glory Days; Chipotle; Chick-Fil-A - even into next year. Testing dates needed for next year. (May 15th or 2 weeks before Memorial Day; done by June 16th)
- Box Tops Flyer fixed; aiming for 4 per year; remaining due dates Feb 9; March 31; June 16
- School in flux RE: Yearbooks, as students tend to leave before the school year is up. Agreed to get the address for moving students; Suggest another flyer – should be some left.
- SCRIPPS SPELLING BEE: Ms. Jackson will provide an update on the path forward.
- CFC: Deadline moved to end of February. Pro Forma Tax Form is under development.