

**LORTON STATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL HOME PARTNERSHIP MONTHLY MEETING
November 1, 2016**

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

- Ms. Jackson provided an overview of recent weeks and events on the horizon.
- The school is currently managing parent conferences, strong attempt to expand the windows of time that parents have to choose from. Oct 31 – Nov 23
- Also recently finished book character day to celebrate literacy
- Ms. McGrath has started a Dare to Care project. Students can write positive notes to themselves and others. Show someone you care by joining them for lunch
- Wednesday, November 2 – Literacy Night. Stations with books, smores, tents to read in
- Friday, November 4 is end of first quarter with an early closure planned. Monday and Tuesday, the school will be closed to students.
- November 11 – Veteran’s Day will also be the day Thanksgiving luncheon will be held. Kids excited about celebrating Veterans Day.
- November 15 – Report cards and math night. Math night will have several (make and take activities and an intro to Dreambox.
- November 23 – 2 hour early closed. School completely closed on Thursday, November 24 and 1
- Progress to hire for open teacher slots: 1 new special education teacher. Open slots remaining with continued head hunting: 1 special Ed; school based tech specialist; 6th grade and 6th grade AAP)

FINANCE/BUDGET REPORT

- Back-to-school Carnival was the big event.
- School supply kit net = \$276.08 (maybe another 50 coming)
- October Movie Night cancelled
- Preparing for future movie nights. Officers continuing to stocking-up on supplies; already purchased 5 year rights for movie nights; Purchased new prizes
- Box tops: First collection upcoming
- Additional No Hassle Fund Raising donations collected.
- Another fundraiser from spell a thon
- CFC: The group held a retrospective and anticipatory discussion about CFC. Officers noted that the CFC kickoff would be forthcoming, noting that the application for this year had been submitted and assumed approved. Ms. Jackson agreed to share the previous flyer and the group discussed creative opportunities to advertise (i.e., during math night and literacy; where to place signs; special business cards with the CFC number on it. Also discussed establishing a target/goal. However, the group reviewed the CFC website and did not find references to Lorton SHP. Officers to follow-up with CFC administrators. and No-Hassle at the same time;
- Field Trip Donation to LSES = \$5,000

BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

- Officers recaped the key suggestions, generally the same as during October 4 SHP meeting
- Changes to address current facts: Average high of 15 SHP members at each meeting; All members are eligible; Term limits – modified to address situation when no one is in a particular position; Added removal language on how to remove an official
- Voting on bylaws to be held at the December 6 SHP meeting.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Global-plus led language classes on-going; French was going to be 2 classes but now only 1 due to low numbers. Need at least 10 students to run a class; setting up for the winter season; 2 10 class sets or 1 20 class set. One member asked if can we offer another day for students and parents to pick from, as it is currently limited. 1st VP noted the need to keep the program as is this year, but to plan for next year. Suggestion proposed and accepted to run another survey;
- Stem Excel – set for winter and spring; over extended for the fall. (Cited as one example where parents not picking up kids on time)
- Dance – One officer (also a participating parent) cited little satisfaction for the on-going dance class. Not consistent with agreement (i.e., hip hop); seemed more like baby sitting than dance; not worth \$130; (also cited as one example where parents not picking up kids on time; but further complicated by the fact that the teacher did not have contact info for parents); Owner inconsistent with other vendors in areas such as working through SHP and being respectful to LSES management.
- Sports club going well; kids loving it; 3 8 week sessions; but just in Spring;
- Girls on the Run – good (parents not picking up kids on time)
- Chess – good parent participation
- Math (sponsored by LSES) – purely math competition; 5 & 6 only;
 - Will approach teacher and coach to consider another name
- Odyssey of the mind (sponsored by LSES)
 - Not sure yet
 - Parent meeting tomorrow to see how much interest there is
 - Parents totally ran that
 - Will try to get another parent session set up
 - Teams by ages
 - Last years team was recycling
 - More prep for the one-on-one with the judges

Upcoming events

- Math Night on 15
- Spell-a-thon November 18
 - Email to teachers – ask them to engage
 - Paper version
- Barnes and Noble
 - Dec 9
- Movie Night
 - Jan 27
- International Night – Ms Merrill (Girls on the Run)wants to lead
- Science Night – still looking for a lead
- Dine Arouds – in jeopardy of needing to cut the number of events. Looking for locations in January
- Box tops – looking for envelopes
- Yearbook envelopes
 - Training by 2nd VP.
 - Team Informed about the “do not picture list” of students. A significant task.
 - Ms. White will lead
 - Order your Photos