



Lorton Station

School and Home Partnership

Minutes and Notes
October 6, 2015

Introduction by President David Kyle

- Mr. Kyle touched on budget plan, fund-raising

2nd Vice President LaToya Jackson-Johnson introduced Principal Joanne Jackson

General Group Discussion

- Lortonstationshp.org website
- Morning announcements
- Recruiting and efforts coming out tonight
- Child care during events or meetings will not be offered through SACC this year
- Initiatives
 - increasing participation of parents, teachers and Staff
 - intensifying fund raising efforts
- Positions to be filled
 - Listed jobs available for SHP Officers
 - Identified where to find job descriptions on Lortonstationshp.org website

Budget Discussion and Vote

- Carry-over balance from last year was 8696.00.
- Project revenue 10,400.00
- Project expenses is 9809.00
- SHP operational cost discussed
 - SHP is responsible for bread and sunbutter (product) for students who forget money and lunch
 - \$5500 must be used for field trips
 - Orchestrate 6th grade graduation
 - Teacher appreciation costed \$1200.00 last year. \$1150 was collected through donations.
 - Watchdogs ?????
- Motion to approve 2015-2016 budget...vote seconded vote 18-0; 4 abstained
Quorum is 20 (22 in attendance)

Health and Safety Programs, Coordinator Uchechi Isirimah presented

- Did fun run last year
- Health fair, articles with news letter....
- Two authors to Read for America...

- Food and self esteem head-start to kindergarten and 1 and 2nd graders...
- AAA sponsors auto safety for first grade class...
- Suggested having a swim safety class due to losing a student drowning incident..

Recycled reading program, Coordinator Petra Sharrett presented

- Recycled reading program provided children Kindergarten through fourth grade free book. Participants or donors would bring in used book and get a different book..Difficult getting 6th grade students to participate.
- Church, South County H.S as possible sources of volunteers as people need volunteer hours. Did not get grant for program...Program needs volunteers...
- Event is twice per year.
- Use Sign-up Genius for parent volunteers.
- Will again approach Hayfield and South County High Schools
- Art on the stage is back in and set it up during lunch..this motivates students

Clubs and Programs

- A point was made that SHP needs a first Vice President
- Jackelyn Reyes, school student president spoke
 - Sports club is wanted by kids...soccer football and basketball (gym) and cheerleading
- Group discussion around clubs included Mad Science
- Options to run clubs
 - Raise money to pay for somebody to run sports club
 - Volunteers are needed for popular clubs such as the Chess Club
 - Problem last year was parental volunteers especially to assist watching children during parent pickup.
 - Suggested that a parent club's volunteer child can attend club with no cost.
 - Suggested that Lorton Library has a chess club whose administrators can help with schools Chess club
 - A suggestion to partnership with Boy and Girl Scouts to help with volunteering
 - Suggested that more requests for volunteers be sent out.
 - Principal is allowed to send out notifications from SHP through the Lightning Flash but software does not do graphics.
- Suggestion that Lorton Station consider annual field trip for Safety Patrols that other schools do. Grades 4 to Richmond, Grade 5 to Baltimore trip...6th to Philly No decision made to look into this activity

Fundraising Discussion

- Discussed library sponsored book fair partnership with Scholastic this fall...
- SHP book fair at Barnes & Nobles for Spring
- CFC combined federal campaign as fundraiser
- No hassle fundraiser...lowered revenue expectations from \$2500 to \$2000
- Restaurant dine arounds to be reinstated
- Increase number of Movie Nights

- International and science nights..science night only with volunteers....International night was wonderful. Past displays of native countries, ethnic dress, and food. All agreed it should be reinstated
- School store biggest money maker last year
- Fall fundraiser begins October 19th through Farmraiser.com, dealing with local vendors
- Spirit wear earned 250.00 after cost...partnering with Mylocker
- **Yearbooks**, Coordinator Elizabeth Djabanor presented
 - Yearbooks did well...made \$820.00
 - signed contract last year for 400 yearbooks
 - marketing flyers to help with sales
 - checks and cash didn't really work,
 - cash sells during last month of sales
 - online ordering suggested
 - contest for cover art.
- **Shop and Earn programs**, Coordinators Sue Yoon-Logan and Yu-Ling Mensah presented
 - Box tops for education winter and spring..work on creative prizes – 1300.00 earned
 - Labels of Education..not as lucrative..
 - Safeway ebox tops...
 - Giant A+ bonus cards
 - Igive.com earned 4300
 - Amazon smile
 - Recycle ink cartridges
- Potential fundraisers
 - Shoe drive...pay by the weight of the shoes
 - Penny drives

Elections and Volunteers for vacancies

- First Vice president – Patrice Hoggard motion to be 1st vice president, second...all agreed
- Treasurer – Jason Weiss motion to be treasurer, second...all agreed
- Audit Committee – Elizabeth Djabanor, Norman Hairston, Nannette Henderson
- Chess Club Coordinator – Patricia S. Armentrout
- School Store Coordinator – James Parker

Action items

- Circulated Pledge Sheets to those in attendance
- Next meeting on **November 10th**
- Coordinate school store with Ms. Hart.