

Schuylkill School and Home Association Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2017

SSHA President Cindy Schulz called the meeting to order. This was the 5th meeting of the 2016-2017 school year and there were 15 people in attendance.

Principal's Report:

Dr. Harmer thanked SSHA volunteers and gifts for the Holiday Shoppe. The students were very excited about the items offered and there was a good variety to select. Dr. Harmer suggested that next year, the Holiday Shoppe should be set up downstairs in the gym entrance like the Book Fair, so we can limit distractions for the students on the second floor. Dr. Harmer presented a thank you letter that Mrs. McErlean wrote to the parents to thank them for the holiday gift tags and money raised that helped 17 Schuylkill families.

Janna Cahill

Mrs. Cahill, Learning Support Teacher, talked about the Special Olympics that will take place in May at Coatesville High School. She would like to purchase wrist bands to increase awareness and raise money to donate to the Special Olympics. There are about 15-20 Schuylkill students who participate. The wrist bands cost about \$75 for 100 and we can sell them for \$1-2. SSHA will be able to support and cover the cost for at least half of the bands ordered. SSHA can also sell the bands at the school store and other SSHA sponsored events. We can allocate some of the money raised from Helping Hands activities to purchase the wrist bands. We can look at Oriental Trading to order them – maybe about 300 total.

Assistant Principal's Report:

Dr. Renzulli discussed the Cyber Safety Awareness Assembly. It is scheduled to take place on March 8 in the evening. The ADA for Chester County would offer a power point presentation but Dr. Renzulli is also looking at the possibility of other speakers. A discussion took place among the parents present to decide who should be invited/included in the assembly. Concerns were raised as to whether or not the content being addressed would be appropriate to the students in 3rd, 4th or 5th grades. It was decided that the March 8 assembly would be open to parents only but that there could be a possibility of having another one for the 5th grade students closer to the end of the year. Cindy Schulz mentioned that the other Elementary School Home Associations were interested in this as well. The idea of including parents from the other elementary schools as well as the middle school was discussed, so Dr. Renzulli will look into having it at a larger location such as the Middle School or High School.

Vice President's Report:

Janice LaBarge confirmed that the teacher dinner during February Conferences will be on Thursday February 16 and that the Blood Drive will be held on Friday February 17. Heather Coupe and 2 other parents are chairing/organizing the dinner and she will confirm with the person chairing the Blood Drive. Janice suggested that SSHA send an invitation to teachers so that they can all attend the dinner. Janice questioned whether or not High School students need their clearances if they volunteer to help with other parents during SSHA sponsored activities. It was suggested that she consider asking the Early Childhood Program Director at TCHS Pickering for volunteers. Janice also asked Drs. Harmer and Renzulli if SSHA could ask the teachers to donate their time doing an activity with students as prizes for raffles as various SSHA activities like they do at the PCEF Fundraiser.

Committee Reports:

- Spring Fair – Warren Anders, along with 2 other parents, are the new committee. It's scheduled for Friday June 2. The plan is to restructure the fair to have a few good games that would be fun for all the kids. It was suggested that they look into asking various groups for volunteers at the fair, such as the Cub Scouts, National Junior Honor Society, churches like St Anne's and St Basil's and a new student group at the high school that offers community services in Phoenixville.
- 4th Grade Fundraisers – Jenn Hahn reported that she is looking at ordering Schuylkill logo socks through Elite Socks to be sold as a fundraiser. They would be sold for possibly \$5-7 per pair. Jenn will work with Sandy Klauss at the district office and will continue to look at how families would order them. The 5th Grade Camping trip is scheduled for October 5-6. The idea behind this committee is that these fundraisers can be done on a continual basis as each class would benefit once they are in 5th grade.
- PCEF Benefit – Kelly Charnley reported that tickets went on sale January 5th for the dinner which is on February 24th. SSHA will donate an Apple Watch to raffle.

New Business

Warren Anders discussed an activity that he is organizing called Daddy/Daughter Hair Factory. This is a national organization that encourages bonding between fathers and daughters through haircare and Warren is trying to establish a chapter in Phoenixville. The event will be held on March 4 and he is coordinating with the Phoenixville YMCA and TCHS Pickering Cosmetology Department to organize this. Warren asked SSHA to advertise this event throughout the school and district, and to mention it in The Scoop.

Treasurer's Report:

Katie Schneider stated that the SSHA budget is in good shape and that the extension for our Tax ID # was submitted in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be held on February 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Mijanou Horne