

Salford Hills Home and School Association Meeting Minutes

September 2016

September 13, 2016

26 people in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Carrie Stankus at 7:46 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the April 2016 meeting and approved.

Motion to approve: Kim Caldwell; second: Beth Barndt

President's Report – Carrie Stankus

Quick “thank you’s”: Memorial Garden committee, Lynch family and Stopyra family, maintained the front garden through summer before school started. It looks great. We’ve received many notes for things Home & School has done. For example, we give away 3 awards: the Bev Alderfer Award to a fifth grader and the Pat Leight Award to a former Salford Hills student who is graduating. We also funded some classroom carpets and received thank you notes from kids and teachers. This is the first time we’re running two book fairs. The fall fair is being run by Mrs. Pfeil because the funds for the library were cut when state funds were cut. She’s hoping to supplement her funds to help build up the library with new materials. It is 10/4-10/7. We are soliciting volunteers. Proceeds will go directly to the library, not to Home & School. The Home & School Book Fair in May will cover our R.I.F. (Reading is Fun) program, which provides your child with two free books a year. Salford Hills is in Upper Salford Township. The township is having their 275th anniversary and would like to include us in their celebration. Home & School will have a booth with artifacts from the start of our school in 1953. Please tell friends & neighbors who are former students so they can contact Carrie, especially if they have artifacts they would be willing to display (ie: yearbooks, etc.).

Principal's Report – Mr. Dave Purnell

Thank you! I can never say that enough! Thank you for coming tonight, for preparing your students to start the year, for supporting us through the year, for ensuring that students’ attitudes are fantastic so that we can work together to help them. We feel your support.

Calendar of events- Look at the calendar for some days off. We have a free assembly, an author visit, this coming Friday. The Bash is approaching, too.

Engagement & Advocacy are meaningful ideas when we talk about school. Engagement, especially parental engagement is important. We do a lot of fun things here, and we ask for your engagement to be a part of what we do here, however you are able to volunteer. As a teacher, I tried to help children “own their own learning” and develop a voice. As adults, we get advocacy. Because kids may not be ready developmentally yet, they rely on teachers and parents to advocate for them. Our partnership survives on communication.

A question was raised about the third grade class sizes and why the grade was condensed to 3 sections when it had previously been 4. That was decided over the summer. District Office felt that we were able to have classes of 27-28 with 1 ½ aides and still meet students’ needs.

Treasurer's Report – Carrie Stankus for Colleen O'Brien

The proposed 2016-2017 budget was reviewed. Teachers’ wish list increased to \$100. Mr. Purnell added that Schoola has helped allow this to happen. We’ll be purchasing a Cricket machine for the teacher’s workroom. Carrie asked if anyone has any suggestions/ideas that might make things easier for the teachers in the workroom to please let her know. We purchased Osmos for kindergarten & 1st grade. Budget was approved by Beth Barndt; seconded by Kim Mento.

Committee Reports:

Administrative:

Hands Across the District – Carrie Stankus

Currently we have 32% parent participation. We would like to have at least 50%. There will be 1 more reminder sent out in Wednesday’s Message for parents to complete the Hands Across the District form online. TB testing will be 10/17, 10/18 & 10/19, and an email reminder will be sent out.

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Homeroom Parents – Amy Gahman & Diana McClure

Parent Letters will go home in next 2 weeks. If volunteers were not at the meeting they should email Amy Gahman or Diana McClure.

Salford Hills Directory – Carrie Stankus for Tiffany Hafner & Kelly Kingsbury

90% of the responses are back. It's usually the beginning of October the Directory should be sent home to parents.

Educational

Scoop – Kim Mento

Kim is looking for a shadow. Kim reviewed the general facts about the Scoop (i.e. printed quarterly, available online, as well as printed/sent home with students).

Fundraising

Race for Education – Katie Sullivan

Katie is looking for a shadow. The Race this year is on Thursday, October 20th! Race times for each grade were sent home on a blue paper in the packet. Family & friends are invited to come watch the race!

Recreational

Back to School Bash – Carrie Stankus for Melissa Brown, Kalidah Diamond, & Bessie Souder

DJ Kelly will be there. This year pizza will be delivered, saving time so coordinators don't have to drive back & forth to pizza place. Kalidah Dymond & Bessie Souder are ready to take over for next year!

Miscellaneous/ Other Business/ Announcements

Motion to adjourn: Amy Gahman; second: Kristi Ruth
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

The next H&S meeting is Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 pm; babysitting provided. Our next Academic Speaking Series is about our EveryDay Math series.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janet Smith, Secretary