Strandwood PTA EBoard Meeting
March 15, 20222

Welcome and Agenda: (minutes by Veltri) called to order at 7:04pm by Mallon. Quorum (minimum 8) met with 13 members in attendance in person: Shannon Veltri, Liz Mallon, Madeleine Holt, Jennifer Roche, Jill Russell, Kandice Caicedo, Cheri Scripter; and via Zoom Jennifer Williams, Stephanie Schlegel, Claire Garner, Laura McInerny, Sarah Griffin, Stephanie Taheri

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve February 15, 2022 E-board meeting as written by Veltri, seconded by Roche, and approved.

Principal's Report (Scripter):

- Masks are now optional. Tracing and sanitizing protocols remain in place. We will now eat in the MU if it rains at lunch.
- 2022-2023 TK classes have been assigned to Gregory Gardens, Pleasant Hill Elementary, and Hidden Valley. No TK class at Strandwood at this time but if enrollment is high, we may have a class.
- Summer school will be held at Strandwood from June 8-July 1 for ESY students and general ed students in grades 1-3 (three classes per grade level) who qualify for additional assistance.
- Wow for our Read-a-Thon and Liz Mallon!!! $18K!!! Very impressive and THANK YOU!
- Chromebook distribution has been delayed and will likely occur after spring break.
- Happy third trimester! We're currently working on ELPAC testing and the most rigorous portion of our school year.
- Open House will be finalized Wednesday (likely Wed., 5/25). Chalk Art April 21 & 22. We do need to pay ($700/day, chalk is free). Global Play Day: May 4th.
- If a teacher strike does happen, the students' safety is the top priority.

Teacher's Report (Caicedo):

- The transition to not having to wear masks has gone smoothly in the classrooms. Teachers have been discussing with the students to be respectful and considerate of individual's choices.
- Attendance has been challenging this year. Difficult to plan things like assessments with the possibility of many kids being absent any given day.
- Many classes have been working on STEAM projects this month - many involving St. Patrick's Day themes.

Financial Reports (Roche):

- Income has included DDA tickets (about $1300), Read-a-thon (about $11,700 with more expected), and a successful Gott's dine out night ($1500)
- Only a few small expenses recently.

<u>VP Reports</u>

VP Communications (McInerney)

- Nothing to report, everything is status quo

VP Programs (Russell)

- 7 programs are confirmed for the spring session
    - Multi-sport, Basketball, Cooking Around the World, Chess, Ms. Kolbeck Science, I Heart Art, FunkMode Hip Hop
- Caicedo reminded that teachers have led clubs in the past like homework club and gardening club. Russell will keep this in mind for next year's programs, but with a change in insurance requirements, this may be more difficult now than in the past.

VP Ways and Means (Garner)

- Big thank you to Liz for the Read a thon and Madeleine and Jen for the dine out night successes in fundraising!
- In need of an Assistant VP Ways and Means for next year.

VP Hospitality (Taheri)

- Planning for Staff Appreciation Week (SAW)
    - Zoom meeting for SAW committee will be March 28
    - Planning for the masseuse as in the past - possibly working with a masseuse school to provide for free

<u>New Business</u>

- Fill the Fridge (Mallon)
    - Mallon presented an idea to collect donations of snacks and beverages to stock the staff room for teachers and staff as a thank you.
    - An email will be sent on Parent Square asking for donations of beverages and healthy snacks to be collected in the office as early as the end of the week to give the teachers a thank you before Spring Break.

- Amazon wish list (Mallon)
    - Mallon presented an idea to have a schoolwide Amazon wish list as a way to supply playground equipment (balls, etc) and other school needed supplies.
    - Some teachers already have specific classroom wish lists.
    - Holt and Garner (Ways and Means) will look into using the PTA Amazon account to develop the wish list.

- Outdoor Ed support
    - The current 5th grade class (2022) is scheduled for outdoor ed camp May 9-13. Given the inability to effectively fundraise last year due to COVID and being past the cancellation date, there has been a need to fundraise additional funds this year. A motion was passed at the Feb 3 meeting to give up to $12,000 from the Read-a thon to class of 2022 5th grade fund to help with this need.

    - The future 5th grade class (2023) has been scheduled for camp in November and they need to collect the donations by April 30th in order to not have to cancel.
    - With both classes needing to raise funds in a short amount of time in order to not cancel outdoor ed, the discussion was had about how to utilize the $12,000 from the Read-a-thon that had been approved to be used toward the 2022 fund. Historically the current 5th grade class has been able to "roll over" about $5000 to support the future 5th grade's fund. It has been discussed to "roll over" a portion of the $12,000 from % 2022 to % 2023. A budget line item for the current 5th grade class (% 2022) revenue will be created to accommodate the $12,000 as previously passed. Discussion on an amount to consider rolling over to the class of 2023 will be discussed at a future date.

- End of year 5th grade festivities (bbq, yearbooks, yard signs) (Veltri)
    - Planning has begun for 5th grade end of year traditions including the class BBQ, yearbooks and yard signs.
    - Scripter will check with Gloria in food services if they can provide the BBQ as they have in the past. Unsure if there will be a fee associated with this as in years past because school lunch is free this year.
        - 5th grade teachers will be contacted to see which is the best day for this, but historically it has been in the last week of school (2nd to last day)
    - Yearbooks and yard signs will be planned. However there will not be funds in the future 5th grade fund to cover these expenses and parents will need to pay for them individually if they want them.

- Movie night
    - Holt and Roche are planning a movie night for late May as a future 5th grade fund fundraiser.
    - Discussion of indoor/parent drop-off movie in the MU vs outdoor/family movie night
        - Caicedo suggested renting an inflatable screen for outdoors and selling family ticket wristbands which would include dinner (certain number of pizza slices and drink) and the movie viewing
        - Indoor MU was also considered as it has been done in the past. Will need to coordinate with the Art program to make sure the MU is available in this timeframe.

<u>Old Business</u>

- Update on DDA (Garner)
    - Still working to increase ticket sales. Otherwise planning is right on track.

- Read-a-Thon Update (Mallon)
    - Read-a-thon was very successful!! Raised $18,000 and after expenses, a profit of about $17,000. This exceeded our goal as well as last year's profit!

- Chalk Art
    - Planned for April 21 and 22
    - The chalk is free, but the program is $700 per day
        - Discussed PTA paying for one day and the school paying for the other. The $700 could be used from the Art (opera ala carte) budget line or the EDI budget line.

- Motion to approve events calendar as stated below by Veltri, seconded by Roche, and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Events Calendar

- See's Candy Fundraiser 3/11 - 3/23
- Jack's Dine Out Night 3/15
- Music Festival (Band) - 3/16
- Music Festival (Orchestra) - 3/23
- General Association Meeting (Elections) - 4/14
- E-board Meeting - 4/19
- DDA April 23
- Staff Appreciation Week May 2-6
- General Association Meeting - 5/5
- Kona Ice Truck Fundraiser @ Open House (date TBD)
- Movie Night - late May, date TBD