

Scribner Road PTA – November Meeting

November 15, 2023 @ 7 pm ET

Attendees: Nicole Felts, Jackie Bruce, Kristen Ballister, Julie Maginn, Jennifer Campe, Kristin Henderson, Scott Hirschler, Debbie St. Onge, Mark Elledge, Sehonaïd Vanderzwan, Nicole Speight

Agenda:

- Welcome (Nicole Felts)
- Correspondence & Minute Approval (Kathryn Francisco)
- Treasurer's Report & Budget Approval (Jackie Bruce)
- Principal's Report (Scott Hirschler)
- Board of Education Report (Mark Elledge)
- Teacher's Report (Cathy Stephens & Kristin Henderson)
- PAB Report (Nicole Felts)
- President's Report (Nicole Felts)
 - Make-a-Difference Day
 - Scribner Night @ the Amerk's – January 27th
- Updates/Reports
 - Chess Club (Peter Paul)
 - Environmental Club (Katie Rygg/Kristin Henderson)
 - Planet Science (Heather Geoca)
- Next Meeting: January 17th, 2024 (No December Meeting)

Notes:

- Welcome (Nicole Felts)
- Correspondence & Minute Approval (Kathryn Francisco)
 - Push Approval of October Meeting minutes to next meeting (January 2024)
- Treasurer's Report & Budget Approval (Jackie Bruce)
 - Membership – 85 total members
 - 43 teachers – posted stars on doors (one was signed up as a Standard/parent, so I missed them)
 - Big events past
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - ~285 Meals Served
 - \$1,122 Raised (inclusive of meals and 50/50 raffle)
 - Big upcoming events
 - Ramping up programs such as Chess Club and Planet Science – registration through MemberHub
 - Monthly Audit
 - Audits are approved through October (thank you to Kristin & Jess)
 - Reminder: Amazon account is set up
 - How do we get the word out about additional funding per grade and specialty?
 - Scott sent an email out

- Included note about tax exemption – either use our existing PTA Amazon account OR the Tax Exempt form in the folder in the office (let us know if more copies are needed)
- Principal’s Report (Scott Hirschler)
 - Thank you to the PTA for their generosity
 - @Jackie – send an email to Scott regarding PTA Amazon account for tax exempt status
 - Grade levels are talking about how to use the one-time gift the PTA is offering
 - We’ve been rocking and rolling
 - Lisa Wheeler – 3 assemblies held for all grade levels
 - Penfield Robotics team held assemblies – phenomenal (supporting STEAM in education – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)
 - Board Games & Lego Clubs – ParentSquare notice went out today
 - DEI Committee – 10 staff members (more than double than previous years)
 - Thank you to Nicole & Shonaid for being on it
 - Survey coming out in near future regarding what families are looking for from DEI and solicitating more membership on the committee
 - Goal of our Year – getting back to being a true community – Scribner community, Penfield community; looking for all avenues for school, district, Penfield to come together – get back to basics and pre-COVID time
 - Get people in and invested and excited
 - Off to a great start
 - Having an AP, and especially someone as experienced and invested as Sheonaid, is so nice and appreciated
 - Really benefits all our staff, all of our students, all of our families
 - It’s a brand new year
 - Sheonid – just reiterated that there is a lot of really great things going on
- Board of Education Report (Mark Elledge)
 - Piggie Backing off Scott....Getting the Community Together
 - Thanksgiving Dinner/Celebration for all families of English Language Learners – at PHS
 - Lots of families and lots of young kids
 - Want them to feel welcome – assure them they are part of the community
 - Last Board Meeting – pretty light; no special reports
 - Did start getting into the budget (one of the main responsibilities of the school board)
 - Set up the budget calendar; what they’re going to cover when
 - Big part of their meeting from here on our
 - Penfield has a few properties that they own in the district
 - One in Gloria – likely for an elementary school in the future
 - Atlantic property (across from town hall, behind some houses)
 - Possible for transportation garage and/or maintenance
 - Issue: a lot of wetlands; not enough space for PCSD to use, but looking to sell to someone else who could use it

- Putting out an RFP for the purchase of the Atlantic property
 - Proposals are due on 12/15; decision on 1/9
 - Labor Relations Committee
 - Civil service law
 - Real Takeaway: what a mess.... Glad Dr. Kinney is doing it
 - When there is an opening – they’re supposed to ask for a list of those qualified and pick top 3
 - Often, they don’t get 3 choices
 - Challenging to get people to apply
 - If people are interested in working for the district, in a position that doesn’t require a certificate, they need to take the civil service test
 - People need to be more aware of that as an avenue to employment
- Teacher’s Report (Kristin Henderson)
 - Cafeteria – harvest of the month
 - Nicole Shipper – wondering if parents want to come in and serve the vegetables to the children
 - Unsure how long the shift would be
 - It’s been a several years since they’ve last offered this to parents
 - Parents in shifts by grade-level (not a huge commitment)
 - Setup through Signup Genius
 - Kristen Ballister to reach out to Nicole S. and get the sign up set up
 - Student Council
 - Budget is \$50 – but want to increase the budget (no specific budget amount asked for)
 - They actually have \$250 (Kristin will let them know) – Jackie checked budgets
 - We need a presentation of what they want – Nicole F. & Jackie B. to go to a meeting
 - They’re also writing letters to
 - Jen Layton and Sherri Fredrick are the staff supervisors for Student Council
- PAB Report (Nicole Felts)
 - Mark covered everything already in the Board of Ed report (see above)
- President’s Report (Nicole Felts)
 - Make-a-Difference Day
 - Scribner collected a LOT of gravy packets & cranberry sauce – Food Shelf was very appreciative (dropped off by Nicole Felts and Jess Michnevich on 10/28)
 - Scribner Night @ the Amerk’s
 - Tentative date: January 27th (Saturday)
 - Scribner Red Wings Night
 - Tentative Date: May 18th
 - 4th & 5th Grade Chorus will sing National Anthem
 - Drama Club

- Registration starts January 19th – January 26th
 - Auditions: January 30th & February 1st
 - Rehearsals: February 6th; every Tues & Thursday
 - Performances: April 18th & 19th, 2 shows each day
 - Show: Press Start (similar to Wreck it Ralph)
 - Pro: None of the main roles are gender specific
 - Open to 2nd – 5th grade
 - More to come...
- Updates/Reports
 - Chess Club (Nicole Felts)
 - Peter is not on
 - Splitting Chess Club into 2 groups – too many kids all at once last year
 - Grades 1 – 3: 3 Thursdays and 1st Thursday in February
 - Grades 4 & 5: 3 Thursdays in February and 1st Thursday in March
 - Environmental Club (Nicole Felts)
 - Katie is unable to attend tonight
 - 30 kids that are registered – it filled right up
 - They've done a bunch of things already
 - Bringing in a Master Gardener
 - Planning for some Speakers
 - Earth Day Festival in April
 - Native Garden in Courtyard in May
 - Planet Science (Heather Geoca)
 - Registration is open = up to 44 students already registered (out of 50 spots)
 - Open to 4th & 5th Graders
 - 5 dates and a 6th date for Science Fair
 - Going to meet on Wednesdays starting in December, going until May
 - 2 presenters coming
 - ZooMobile – December Meeting
 - NASA Challenger – January Meeting
 - Remaining 3 – small groups with stations
 - Build bridges (everyone brings canned soup to see which bridge can hold the most weight)
 - Periodic Dinner table – learn about the different elements in our food
 - April – Earth Day Science & Nature
 - May – Science Fair (not just for PlanetScience kids; all invited)
- Next Meeting: January 17th, 2024 – Happy Holidays Everyone!