Sunshine Hills Elementary : Sept 25, 2019 Minutes

Attendance: Jayme, Kirsten, Kim, Alyson, Sharon, Jody, Heather, Martina, Melanie, Lisa, Stephanie, Elaine, Heather, Khaula, Stephanie, Angela, Trish, Charmaine, Erin

June Meeting Minutes adopted: Kirstin first, Angela second

Agenda Adopt: Kim first, Heather second

Introductions: Parents and Admin introduced themselves

Old Business:

1. Teacher wish list – Jody is printing up a wish list for the teachers to fill out. The school is looking to create innovative learning spaces.
2. Playground bricks – Committee will meet with Jody to decide where old bricks can be placed. **NEW Action item-** Committee will report at next meeting about the discussion.

Administration Report: Jody

1) Introduction of Jody and his educational background.
2) Jody says opening went well. School is focused on the core competencies right now.
3) Students participated in social responsibility lessons through the books "Be Kind" and "What if Everybody Did That?"
4) One of the focuses in social responsibility is outside play and problem solving. School will be bringing back "WITS"
5) All the drills are being organized right now for the year.
6) Many new and capable staff.
7) There are a lot of allergies at Sunshine Hills. Seaweed is okay this year. Every class has a list of the allergies in the room.
8) Today there was a Cops for Cancer events – very moving event. Terry Fox was also successful event.
9) Orange shirt day is Monday. The topic will be approached in an age appropriate matter in all classes in the school.
10) Cross Country has begun. District wide race is October 16th
11) Creative writing club will be Fridays this year – open to intermediates.
12) Remembrance Day assembly prep has begun. More information will be on the blog.

13) Friendship club. Any kids can come at any time. It's open at recess and lunch in the courtyard.

14) Sign language club will begin soon. Jody will sponsor.

15) Volleyball begins soon for grade 6s/7s.

16) Green Thumb theatre will be coming soon for the school's first cultural event.

17) Dance Club and Musical Theatre will begin after school. It is a user pay. Information will follow.

18) Discipline. Focus is discipline with dignity. School will be mindful of working together with students and focus on using mistakes as "teachable moments". Children will learn to take responsibility and problems will be solved at school. Open communication is the key.

Executive & Non-executive positions – Melanie

1. Charmaine will take over Parent Ed.
2. Kim and Martina will be in charge of family fun night.

PAC Budget – Kim

1. This is the draft budget. It will be voted on in the next meeting.
2. Emergency bin. Executive voted for $1500 for the bin and $950 for an extra coating to protect the bin from graffiti.
3. Gardening club received an extra $200.
4. We have applied for the gaming grant and expect that by the end of September.
5. Gaming Account Balance - $6589.45
6. General Account Balance - $22533. 96

CPF- Meeting is not until tomorrow night. They are expecting to have the French language classes in October/November for parents.

DPAC – Trish – Doug Sheppard reported that this is the first year almost all of the schools in the district had their classes the first week.

Playground – Jayme

1. Meeting will occur this week with Jody.
2. Dawn needs volunteers in October for pub night.

3. Discussion about pub night fundraiser. Martina and Lisa will take over the organizing from Dawn. Pub night raises a lot of money for the school but it needs more parent volunteers to run.

Constitution – Melanie

1. All PACs are involved in reviewing their constitutions this year. Executive is working on making some small changes to our constitution. We will vote on the changes at the next meeting.

2. If anyone has other business – try to send it to the executives before the meeting so that it can be added to the agenda.

3. Just a reminder if you have any concerns at the school - please approach the person that you have concerns with first before approaching administration. If it is uncomfortable situation you can always ask Melanie to come with you.

Other Business

1. Babysitting – discussion if babysitting is needed at PAC meetings and why babysitting was ended in the past. There was a request for someone to organize the babysitting and there were no volunteer to do it.

2. Emergency preparedness update – Lisa will be looking for helpers to organize.
3. Garden club – weeding, cutting back and drying seeds. We are planting hay and garlic.
4. Craft Fair – Kim is the contact. The date is set for November 16th.
5. Fundraiser. We are taking a break from Entertainment books, Purdys, gift cards. We may ask parents to make a straight donation to the school this year.
6. Scholastic book fair will be October 23rd and 24th in the library.
7. Treat day for teachers. We are moving to once a month. Martina will organize.
8. Next PAC meeting October 30th

Meeting adjourned: 8:10pm