

DSA September Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2018

Meeting Attendance: Liisa Morton, Tracey Barton, Michaela Norman, Sarah Norman, John Norman, Julianna Hanna, Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth, Jason Mulligan, Lisa Farzam, Jen Louagie, Alicia Austin, Bree Anderson, Emily Ostrowski, Molly Cascarelli, Colleen McGovern Taylor, Julie Tobin, Lisa Boyer, Laura Simpkins. Vicky Bellon

Meeting commenced: 7:03

Welcome and Introductions: Meeting brought to order by President Bree Anderson

Approval of Minutes: Presented by Liisa motion to approve by Juliana second by Lisa F. Unanimous.

Treasurers report: Presented by Colleen
\$60.39 for first day breakfast

Motion to approve the treasurers report made by Liisa 2nd Jenn
Approve the Budget Alex and Julie 2nd Budget

Teacher Report: Michaela Norman Wharton Center and busses are set (waiting for confirmation from Dean as they are only approving trips month by month) received reduced rate. 2nd & 5th Dance performance 1st grade going to Rosie Revere. First Grade May 21st-24th Impression 5 field Trip for bus leaves at 9 will return 1:30-2 requesting assistance with parent volunteers. Requested supplement for field trip. Per Colleen \$2500 has been allotted. Bree confirmed application for fund would be necessary.

“BIG” lessons funded as curriculum.

Principal's Report:

PBIS team met Positive Behavior Support. Compassion Games beginning in Spring.

Compassiongames.org. to encourage kindness in March

-2 recesses in the afternoon to allow less children on the playground.

-Partnering with impression 5 to offer 3 six-week sessions (once per week) after school

programs up to 20 3rd-5th grade students for STEM and STEAM activities. First session exploratory. Students will be polled to determine next six weeks. Next year will have a STEAM flex room. Free to students, Impression 5 will come to school. Transportation not provided for students staying after for program. Possibly add lower elementary later.

- Extended learning starting soon. 1st through 5th grade, may add kindergarteners in the winter depending on need. Will likely do reading on a different day than math. 10/group.

-MSU Historical Museum \$1/child rate. 1st grade going, other grades exploring the possibility.

-Principal Barton asked to be sure to note in minutes that every construction worker has given their names and have been background checked via IChat.

- New literacy books for teachers. Tier 2 supports. For small group work with the teachers.
- Double check that volunteer checks are complete, be sure to check in at the office
- Send reminders for late start. Concern not enough people are aware. No B&A or breakfast on these dates. Lunch will be at the same time.
- School now completely nut-free due to airborne peanut allergies.

DPC: Alex- District Parent Council. Representative from every parent council in the district

Committee Reports:

Donley Dash 2 Dance \$1675.00. Spartan Dance is coming to teach dance routines and styles. Website and Facebook are up, envelopes have been sent home with the children.

Pumpkin Fest Carnival – October 12: Lisa F. Organizing totes for the games, sign-up genius for sign up. \$20.00 for 100 tickets, same pricing structure as last year. Volunteers have been contacted. No haunted house. Using decorations to decorate halls. Lunch with teacher prize.

Walk to School Day/ Safe Routes – Oct 10: Liisa would like to begin “Walking School Busses” in need of people to lead the school busses. Liisa has been in contact with new walk to school coordinators would like them to run all year on Wednesdays. Working on clearing the approved safe route—currently near construction and difficult to pass (ditches, puddles, etc.).

Parent Teacher Conf. Lunches – Oct 16 & 18: Bree – Discussed the idea of spreading teacher appreciation to extend to one or two days during fall conferences. Proposed sign-up genius for either donating money for catering or making a dish. Decided to proceed.

Make a Plate Fundraiser – November 5: Jenn – talked about getting make-a-plate templates to teachers in order to have plates/cups/items in by Christmas.

Winter Book Fair – December 3-7: Liisa and Bree: There will be a story hour on Thursday December 6th. Hot Cocoa has previously been served, Alex volunteered to lead cocoa. Discussed the possibility of celebrity readers, read by teachers?

New Business:

Jason Mulligan brought up the possibility of asking IT security to offer online safety program for kids. He is going to look into the possibility of the presentation being done. Possibly in conjunction with story night.

Mrs. Barton working on the possibility of a kids concert. Since both music teachers are part time, she is working on working this event out.

Bree Motion to adjourn. Seconded by group.