

Simonds PTO

Agenda and Minutes

December 6, 2017

❖ *Meeting Begins: 6:30 pm in Staff Room*

❖ *6:30 - 6:35 Introductions & Attendance (5 min)*

➤ *Laura Sevigny, Kelly Henley, Stef Martin, Jessie Dietel, Emma Bates, Caren Baldwin-DiMeo, Killeen McGowan, April Lakevicius, Bethany Newcomb, Laura Stoneking, Janet Meade, Jacob Palmer, Shelbie Connor, Larry Restuccia, Danielle Thomas, Kris Daniels, Missy Biagiotti, Kendall Taylor, Andrea LeBlanc, Kate Coleman.*

❖ *6:35 - 6:50 Treasurer's Report - Kelly (5 min)*

*Square 1 Art - **Still need an update***

*Movie Night - **made \$22***

*Yankee Candle - **\$1924.30 deposit, but Yankee Candle will be taking 40%***

*School Store - **\$150***

*Cougar Gear - **\$470 - awaiting a final report on the last batch of orders***

** Movie License*

➤ *Need to register PTO as non-profit - Danielle (5 min)*

■ ***Danielle paid the \$25 non-profit fee to register the PTO (her donation to the PTO). *Thank you, Danielle! :)***

■ ***Upon receiving the paperwork, we can vote on exactly what type of non-profit we want to be.***

■ ***We may need to look into the Tax ID assignment based on the fact that we do not know how it was set up.***

➤ *Stipend given to teachers - Laura Sevigny (5 min)*

❖ 6:50 - 6:55 Yankee Candle - (5 min)

- Becky says around \$1,900 catalog sales - We get 40%
- We have only received \$7? **(That was an additional deposit)**
- Revisit keeping this fundraiser/replace with something?

❖ 6:55 - 7:00 Square 1 Art - Amy (5 min)

- How was participation? **Amy not present to update.**
- When will it be in? **The 18th is the expected date to receive the art.**

❖ 7:00 - 7:05 Movie Night - Rise of the Guardians - 12/8 - Liz & Laura Sevigny (5 min)

- Feedback on new company? **Movie selection less robust, but so far, so good.**
- **Also, popcorn machine is in good working order.**
- I have reached out to Bradford CHIPS to invite them to join.

❖ 7:05 - 7:10 Lip Sync - 2/17/18 - Emily Brown & Laura Sevigny (5 min)

- Information/permission slips will be coming home Monday December 18

❖ 7:10 - 7:15 School Store - Stef (5 min)

- Vote on Stef having allowance to make all decisions and payments without PTO input or vote. **Vote: All are in favor.**

❖ 7:15 - 7:20 Church Dinner - Emma (5 min)

- Proceeds can go to playground fund. Date is in February. **Likely the 2nd Sat. in Feb.**

❖ 7:20 - 7:25 Homework Club - Laura Sevigny (5 min)

- Needs Money for snacks -
- **Vote: If the \$ is needed, all are in favor.**

WE STILL NEED A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

PLAYGROUND:

We have a wonderful opportunity not only to add to our school's playground but to improve what is already there. I look forward to parents coming together and helping out with the process of making this happen for our children. The fundraising is PTO's primary focus, but before we can get to that we need to have a few different things in order. I would like for ALL parents interested in being part of this process to be able to in whatever capacity possible.

** 1. Get quotes and schematics from multiple companies that meet all requirements: Fiscally Responsible, Durable, Safety standards.*

The company "Landscape Structures" came yesterday to meet with Laura Stoneking, Laura Sevigny, and the Superintendent. The company left with a wish list and will deliver several options based on our time line and budget.

** 2. Get input from students and staff*

Survey results from students were shared by Shelbie Connor.

Basic consensus: Stuff to climb on, things to swing on and spin on, balls to play with.

** 3. Form committees*

Before forming committees, we need a vote on the direction to take. (I.e., one new structure or a complete overhaul of all structures via a multi-year project)

** 4. Come together and choose what we would like to submit to the School Board, Todd Fleury and the Facilities Committee*

We don't want to decide before we see what the quotes and schematics look like.

** 5. Brainstorm fundraising ideas, time line (possibility of a multiple year plan) and how to execute events for the best possible turn out.*

In the meantime, proposal to freshen up what we already have - repaint the lines on four-square, new sleds, kick balls, other games and equipment that is useful. Basketball hoops? Sandbox?

** 6 Grants - FFF*

The PTO's focus, will be to raise funds to give to the school board to make the decision on the company and structure, and to make recommendations to the facilities committee. Note that there are multiple people submitting proposals. The staff will support the PTO in the process!

The school's role is to advocate for the students and support the process.

There will be another playground meeting on Tuesday, 12/12/17. (canceled due to no school)

******* School Board makes final decisions: What & Where - when it comes to the playground. *******

Playground Ideas Submitted Thus Far:

- *Put up the basketball nets that we own and fix up the basketball court*
- *Buy soccer goals for the field*
- *Paint the upper parking lot with four square, hopscotch and fun decorations*
- *Replace the wire fence with a wooden one that each class can paint a mural on*
- *Put in a Terrain Slide and a natural playscape*
- *Add a few Castle platforms with a suspension bridge*
- *Climbing wall built into the hill*
- *Large Ship structure*
- *Use part of field and build a new "area" for the playground (it is already flat)*
- *Remove basketball court and use to install replacement structure*
- *Move gaga pit, swings, dome and tire swing to basketball court*
- *A single structure may not be a viable option, a sizable structure allows more children to play*
- *A natural playscape may be difficult to maintain and cost could be significant*

- Level the “pit” area (where slide was) and install a retaining wall, incorporate all structures in this area
- Remove all old wooden structures.
- Remove or move all structures to start fresh and overhaul the entire property for more cohesive playground
- Create a structure that is dome shaped with a skylight and windows (tree structure?) and name it “kids place”
- Within the hill, install multiple smaller structures throughout
- Move parking lot and install a playground there.

Fundraising Ideas:

Multiple Fundraisers leading up to 1 large fundraiser to finish the efforts with sponsors, raffles, and auctions...

- Town wide/District Wide Family Game Night at Town Hall - Emma
- Battle of the Bands - Andrea
- Summer Time Family Events:
 - BBQ
 - Basketball Game
 - Baseball Game
 - Dodgeball
- Reach out to Home Schoolers to see if they are interested in participating?