



February 21, 2024 Meeting

Call to Order: 7:01pm

Accept Minutes: Amanda Hoy approved
Melinda Julian second

Membership Report: no change- 239 total, 195 families, 44 staff members

Treasurer Report

- Fiscal Report: \$31,729.82 current ending balance
- Fund Requests: no fund requests
- Fundraisers:
 - made \$560 on Chipotle dine to donate
 - on 3/14 we will have another dine to donate at Turf Surf and Earth
 - other dine to donates in April and possibly June, TBD on those dates/places
 - Hershey Park tickets will be going on sale soon

Ongoing Business

- Day of Service Recap
 - all letters and pictures went out to different community members in Somerville
 - students of each grade level from preschool to 8th grade worked on different members of the community as a service project for Dr. Martin Luther King Day
 - The letters were greatly appreciated
- Valentine Grams Recap
 - All Valentine's Grams went out with no complaints.
 - Only the smencils orders were done. PTO decided not to do pencils for every student
 - 221 smencils orders were filled making a total of \$1,105.00
 - after returning some products we made a total of \$752.03 on V-day grams!
- 2024 Grant Program
 - currently have 3 applications for SMS and 1 for VDV
 - the committee will be meeting next week to start the process of approvals
- VDV Book Fair
 - letters went out to teachers about the book fair and coin drive
 - students received book fair flyers

- all teachers should be signed up for their time slots
- coin drive will end on 2/28 and all coins will be collected on 2/29
- book fair set up will be 2/29, teacher preview day on 3/1 and break down will be on 3/8
- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Amanda and Melinda to start thinking about Teacher Appreciation Week in May
 - may take a poll to see what the teachers would like
 - Are there other ideas besides food?
- Spirit Wear
 - Always on sale
 - going to be ordering VDV pajama pants

Committee Updates

- Cultural Diversity
 - there will be a whole school event on 5/16
 - more information to come

Updates from the Schools

- VDV
 - 100th day of school was today and everyone came up with some creative ideas
 - Students continue to have had various field trips and assemblies. These include an interactive quiz show, trips to RVCC to learn about Harriet Tubman and learning about the Lenapee Native Americans. A dance group from RVCC will be coming on March 1 for all students.
 - Congratulations to Amelia DeBlasio who won our school wide spelling bee! Amelia will be proceeding on to the county spelling bee which will be held the first week of March.
 - The CAC has been sending out resources for the Lunar New Year and Black History Month
 - The Student Government has selected the Somerville Rescue Squad for students to make a donation to using their Van Derbuckks. Students will be able to come to the “donation station” and donate their dollars. The PTO will then provide a monetary donation if we reach our goal of 200 student donations.
 - Thank you to the PTO for the chocolate donation to our staff as well as sponsoring the Valentine Pencil Grams
 - The next Coffee with the Principals is Thursday, March 14 at 9:30.
 - RAA week and the book fair are taking place the week of March 4th. Literacy Night for families will be Thursday March 7th from 5:30-7:30.
 - The 5th grade DARE graduation will be March 13th at 9:15

- The Variety Show will be Thursday March 14 at 6:30 at the High School
- VDV Field Day is set for Thursday May 23 with a rain date of Friday May 24th.
- SMS
 - Students took a Black History Month field trip to Princeton University to engage in a BHM guided tour of campus
 - Students in broadcasting are making videos to spotlight Black historical figures, celebrities, athletes, etc during morning announcements
 - The Mayo Performing Arts Center hosted our 6th graders for the Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad play
 - Kindness Week was the week of February 14th. Students spread some kindness throughout the halls of SMS
 - There was an interactive workshop facilitated by Lead U for 6th and 7th graders.
 - School Counselors week was the week of February 5th and we celebrated all the amazing work Ms. Badawy, Dr. Sro and Ms. Mahony do for our schools.
 - Baseball and Softball will be starting in March
 - The Boys Basketball Team did amazing this year but lost in the semis
 - The Wrestling League won their division!
 - iReady testing is finishing up with the 2nd diagnostic
 - We had a Valentines Dance on February 9
 - All Students are encouraged to complete their elective surveys for next year
 - 8th grade has an engineering presentation on February 22

New Business/Open for Discussion

SEPAG: February 29 at 7:00 there is a meeting with the schools

CP Awareness is the month of March

We will be wearing green on 3/25

Autism Awareness is the month of April

There will be a speaker TBD

Friendship Day is 5/11

Close of Meeting: 7:44pm

Next meeting will be on March 20

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