

## **SHARP PTA GENERAL MEETING 10-16-14**

Meeting called to order at 7:23 by Tammy Raden. She thanked everyone for coming to first PTA meeting and welcomed us.

Board introductions- each member introduced by telling name, position, child(ren). Tanaz- membership chair spoke and provided PTA cards to members. We are at about 191 members.

PTA Profile 18958

Name JD Sharp SCH PTA

### **Membership-**

Thank you Tanaz up to 191 members. Directory too. Mary Bove- Thank you for picture day and help w directory

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report**

Thank you notes were read for white board from entire class, from Ms. Kim, and another class. Two notes were read - one from Mrs. Laskey and Miss Gilbert for luncheon.

Thank you for the magnifying lamp from Mrs. Goldman

Thank you for the desk from Mrs. Britton

Thank you for the Circuit die cut cartridges from Mrs. Harms

### **Mr. Miscioscia**

Thanked everyone for their dedication during first six weeks here. It was a wonderful opening. He has asked for feedback from teachers, students, and PTA.

New initiatives both academic and social will be put into place.

Computer lab was discussed at BTS Night. Fourth assembly will be tomorrow-JDRF Walk. Sharp is a wonderful place to come to work and learn each day.

## **Budget Vote/Treasurer Report - (see budget for details)**

Natalie is a CPA. She introduced herself and discussed her experience. We are in transition year. We are ensuring that we are in compliance for PTA and IRS rules. We must comply to remain in good status and keep tax exemption. Copies of budget were placed on the tables. The format has changed. It shows everything gross and tracks items separately.

3 to 1 rule was explained. Explained where the dues go and explained many line items. All are estimates, we need data for better planning in future. Explained Estimated Disbursements and three sections. 14 types of fundraisers and 42 give backs.

Explained balance on hand. Fourth page explains gross receipts and disbursements.

Changes – Rules from NJ PTA leadership training – can't fund sunshine, we can organize, can't fund, we can organize it like room parents. We can gather donations and organize. We just need to be careful where funds are coming from. Welcome Back luncheon is ok because it was on an inservice day. We got approval for NJ PTA.

Added \$1000 for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Increased Field trip supplement. Purchased iPads. We purchased 20 and they are in progress. Two new White Boards and new desk. Book Fair can be received in Scholastic dollars, we are considering that. Similar to Kohl's cash.

Proposed Amendment – Walk/Run Club Day 1, Grades 1-2 = 1 lap, 3-5= 2 laps. 1 lap=1/4 mile. Idea to have students be active. Choose to do more laps, walk or run, working on details. Another school in CH does it and one in Medford. If it rains or snows it is cancelled. Staff members brought this idea to us. Kick off is mid November. We are asking for \$325. Participants get a bracelet, for every mile, they get a token foot to add to bracelet. Maybe teachers will track in a map.

We will discuss at JDRF assembly. Next meeting is December. If things need to be added or changed we will discuss as a board and then vote.

Question- Built up a large reserve. We want to retain about \$7,000-10,000. There are placeholders for approvals for this year School Equipment requests 1-4 on page 2.

Vote passed by overwhelming majority. Elvin is putting new forms on website for reimbursement and also, extra copies in the office.

### **Vice Presidents of Ways and Means' Report**

Been very busy. Spirit wear started 10/14. Only have two weeks to order. 10/28<sup>th</sup> is firm end date. Need it in by spirit week 11/ 14.

Plea for volunteers in Volunteer Slot- Talent Show is vacant. Pam Hess will advise.

We are looking to change up fundraisers. We are always open to bring new ones to Sharp. Will look at how much we raised/spent to make sure we get the most bang for our buck.

### **Vice Presidents of Cultural Arts' Report**

Mrs. Harden talked w each class about respect.

Friday 10/10/14 AntiBullying/Respect assembly. Great message. Kids laughed.

Next week is Red Ribbon, anti drug Week. Flyer went out Wednesday listing themes for each day. Assembly will be provided by district.

11/17-11/21/14 Spirit Week she is sending a committee form. Different creative days for each day. Starting some 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events. Take a 50 picture that week to and will continue celebrating.

## **President Elect**

Shana Herring discussed position of president elect. Too many room parents per class in some classes. Only 2 allowed per party. Every class except Mrs. Grayson's had at least two.

Room parents need to contact Shana to let her know which two can be allowed at each party. Only two per party. K, 1, 2 will have an ed asst. or teacher in addition. Sign off on room parent agreement. Pay special attention to allergies in the class and make sure that there are now brownies from scratch w cross contamination. Coordinate with the teacher. Winter Parties should be on half day before the break. If you run into a problem, let Shana know. Silver Diner – next Thursday. If you can't go, you can buy a gift card through Shana.

Christie Cooper chairs 5<sup>th</sup> grade – KidsStuff sale, skating night

Kim Hart – Book Fair and Movie Night

Movie Night – Please pay attention to children. Throwing popcorn, pillows, hitting children. Please pay attention to your children. Next time an announcement on the microphone. Maybe catch them being good tickets. You have to sit with your children. If you cannot sit with your child, then you cannot come. Tell Mr. M if you continue to have problems. Next one is in Nov. he will send out expectations.

Outside movie night was much better. Some issues with climbing on the equipment but overall better behavior outside.

## **Zone PTA reported by Tammy and Presidents' Report - See Notes from 10/14/14**

Dr. Reushe thanks to Margie and Marci

Mr. Mic will put PARCC meetings in Bulldog

Advocacy – Cherry Hill Schools are very underfunded in state aid per pupil amount. Draft a letter at Zone that filters to Sharp PTA and that we could send and parents write letters to state.

We will buy t-shirts for student ambassadors. Mrs. Orsini and Mrs. Anderson wrote a letter to thank PTA.

December meeting Mrs. Harden, guidance counselor, will speak. She will show the video. We need to watch it very year. She needs to update it. Any volunteer needs to watch or read and then let her know. Under Character Education tab on Mr. Mic's eboard.

We will continue to update website.

Update on Important Dates- See Handout

Shana will facilitate distribution of popsicles in afternoon.

Upcoming Events:

Silver Diner

Red Ribbon

Halloween Party

If you are not on Gmail list, see Ben. PLEASE volunteer.

Can PTA send email to inform people of things such as attempted abductions? Tammy will look into it. We usually follow the lead of the principal/district. What is the procedure?

## **Introduction of Members**

Mrs. Laskey thanked us on behalf of teachers.

**Adjourned at 8:31pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Newcomb 10/19/14