

Meeting Notes – January 10, 2019

New total for Fund Drive \$23,734, still waiting for matching funds that should put us over to reach our goal of \$25k

Principal Update:

- Thank you to Andy Upchurch for coordinating our first Chess Club tournament on Feb. 16th. This event is open to all SLPS students for free – 8:30am – 3pm; sponsored by STL Chess Club
 - Open to all SLPS students to start; online registration
 - Need Volunteers to run the concessions at the Chess Tourney; contact Ryan Haines
- Upgraded technology in classrooms – purchased 6 smart boards; goal is to have new smart boards in every classroom over the next 2 years; also purchased 2 70inch TV's for Library and Sr. Norman's classroom
- A group of 4th grade girls have done a presentation to the student body about impact of Styrofoam on the environment. Asked students to sign a petition, now they are in a process of writing a letter to SLPS Superintendent and Facilities. No other elementary schools in the district have dishwasher in their schools.
- 4th, 5th and 6th grade students MAP results are due in this month; more details communicated once we receive the results.
- Spelling Bee on Jan 17th @ 2:00pm – Come cheer on your Dragons!!!
- Dragon Rally – Feb. 4th : Congressman Lacy Clay coming in to talk to students – focus on character traits
- Service project for month of Jan/Feb – collecting items for an outreach center. Students can bring items to the classroom.
 - PK – toothpaste and fruit sticks
 - K – Men's hats and chips
 - 1st – socks and soft granola bars
 - 2nd – bar of soap and juice boxes
 - 3rd – toothbrushes and peanut butter crackers
 - 4th – baby wipes and beef jerky stick
 - 5th – deodorant and tuna packs
- We won the Purina Farms Pet Community Canine Show – event will take place at the school in February, date TBD.

Volunteer Update:

- Holiday Luncheon for Teachers was a big hit! Thank you to everyone who helped with that effort!
- Landscape company came and cleaned up all the leaves from the campus – Looks GREAT!!!
- If you are a volunteer, you need to fill out a volunteer application and send to the district. The district needs to know who the people are who are volunteering within the school.
- Natalie is doing a great job with keeping the sign updated!! If you are interested in helping, reach out to Ryan Haines (volunteerpto@gmail.com)

Volunteers Needed:

- Literacy Night – February 27th. Contact Michelle Piry-Haines for more information and to get involved in this event.
- Need Volunteers to run the concessions at the Chess Tourney; contact Ryan Haines
- If you want to learn about doing Mallinckrodt Tours, contact Ryan Haines (volunteerpto@gmail.com)

Bottle Cap Update: Karen Hamon

- We have many, many bottle caps. To date, we've sorted about a ¼ of the bottle caps. With that ¼ we were at about 48lbs.
 - We're continuing the campaign to be able to get 2 benches, one for us and one for Columbia.
 - Girl Scout Troops have volunteered to help sort bottle caps.
 - There is also a Go Fund Me Account for Columbia's bench
 - Any student groups that might be interested in helping to sort, let Karen know.
 - Items that are not recyclable for the bench project:
 - Anything with metal in it
 - Anything bigger than 8 inches
 - To go containers
 - Hangers

Trivia Night: Susan Plank

- April 27th; doors open at 6:30apm – Trivia starts @ 7pm, SAME Location as last year.
 - Budget for Trivia Night is \$3500
 - New expenses this year: Insurance and Printing costs we'll need to cover.
 - Additional costs include:
 - \$1300 – Security & AV
 - \$2100 - Fundraising
 - Trivia Night needs Sponsors!! If you know anyone who would want to help sponsor the Trivia Night – contact Susan Plank

Additional items needed for Trivia Night:

- Silent Auction Items
 - Can you donate a silent auction item that would be interesting, unique, fun and would raise some money for our school?
 - Do you know anyone who would be able to offer a fun experience that we could include in the Silent Auction?
 - Who do you know that could offer a behind the scenes tour (Zoo, Busch Stadium, museums, etc...)
 - Who do you know that could bring a GREAT experience to our silent auction?
 - ** reach out to Susan Plank, if you have ideas or items to donate**

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- Live Auction
 - Work with Painted Zebra and come up with unique designs for each grade level.

Thank you to Kristina Coleman who will be taking over trivia night next year!!!

Wendy Hamstra-Smith – Budget Update

- Under budget from where we were last year

Additional Questions:

- Irrigation update: We are one of 10 schools waiting for an update on whether our irrigation system has been approved by the district.
- Election Day Polling Site: Mr. Thomas has provided feedback to the district that we DO NOT want to be a polling place. If parents want to provide additional feedback – please contact Dr. Adams and share your concerns and feedback with him.
- Security update: we have looked at several locking mechanisms for doors in the building to keep students/staff safe in the event of an intruder. We are continuing to review options with the district and working to identify the right type of solution.
 - We do have established communication channels with nearby Bank, Chick-fil-a and the Police Association in the event that there is an intruder; students know they can go to one of those locations to call for help.