

Eagle River Optional Steering Committee Meeting ~Agenda

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

5:15 pm at Pizza Man

In attendance: Dr. Long, Mr. Long, Mrs. Spain, Mrs. Losodro Santo, Kaleigh, Lisa, Codie, Shannon, Anna, LJ, and Charis

Agenda Items:

1. Approve November 8, 2016 steering committee meeting minutes. Jenn 1st, Kaleigh 2nd
2. Fundraising (LJ)
 - A. Kids Kreations
 - The orders are in, have been sorted and went home the first week of December.
 - The program earned \$1,405.77
 - B. Northern Lights Coupon Books (they sell for \$55/each)
 - As of the November meeting 78 books were sold with a profit of \$1,170. *as of today, 84 books sold. If we sell 100 books the amount earned per book goes from 17.50 to 22.00.
 - Thought for next year, to presell books earlier for additional sales.
 - C. Bowling Night(s) @ ER Bowl
 - Best on a Wed or Sunday night; \$5/game with shoes.
 - Thoughts on scheduling a date
 - D. Additional Options
 - Possible Kids Kreations in the Spring with different art work?
 - Discussed spreading out fund raisers vs. having community events that raise funds as a secondary feature.
 - Talked about having one of the first parent emails that come out at the beginning of the year outline the fund raisers, community events, learning lab and craft day volunteer opportunities, etc. so families know they are coming and can plan accordingly instead of feeling bombarded in the months of November and December.
3. Budget Report (Kaleigh)
 - Discussion about having a payment option included that would spread the fees out over several months instead of up front at the beginning of the school year.
4. Learning labs (Daniela or Donabelle)
 - Feedback on November 16th learning labs (labs, volunteers, time, space, lunch in class)
 - Go back to earlier time frame (9:30- 11:30) for next two labs because it limited our volunteers, use of the MPR, and having volunteers during later lunches.
 - Possible revisiting of some of the same learning labs, since there was such interest.
 - Need to verify or rule out the use of the PTA room due to use by other programs.
 - Donabelle Shepherd is the new co-chair; Shannon Oelkers stepped down.
 - The next learning labs are Wed. 2/1 and 3/29 (grades K-6)
5. Class Plays (Do you need anything)
 - A. Mrs. Spain's (Thursday, 12/15) – Jungle Book
 - B. Mrs. Dolan's (Thursday, 1/26) - Lorax
 - C. Mr. Long (March 3rd) - Writing their play
 - D. Dr. Long (April 14th) – Writing their play

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6. Craft Day (Cherie)
 - 2 days (Fridays 12/9 and 12/16) from 9:30-11:30am * discussion about moving the days closer together, general feel from teaching staff in attendance it that two days in a row is too hard on the kids. Leave it at a week apart.
 - Feedback on the first craft day.
 - Crafts needing material cut would be better to do prep work prior to day of, the volunteer numbers were good, but was stressful to not have people signed up in a timely manner to organize before the day of. Having 5th and 6th graders having a delayed start was helpful to allow extra time for the younger kids to get full instruction in a smaller setting.
 - Spain's kids want to participate with crafts this week, not help w/wrapping station *will need additional volunteers to help wrap
 - Ignite room needs to be put back the way it was before craft day.

 7. Directory
 - The directory sent home to families in November.

 8. PTA Report
 - A. Gingerbread House Night – Monday 12/19 @ 6:30pm
 - B. ACES Hockey Game- Saturday, 1/28/17
 - C. A fund run of some sort with colors is still in the planning stages for Spring.

 9. Principal LoSordo-Santo's Report.
 - Choir performance is scheduled for the 22nd at 2pm and 7pm
 - Orchestra performance is scheduled on the 14th at 2pm
 - No mention of state testing this year as of yet
 - Ongoing discussion in classroom about “Alerts” and being safe with whatever faculty member kids are with.

 10. New Business
 - 2nd Team building event Friday, January 27th at the high school. Need to find out if Mr. Hahn's kids can come with again. Teachers will get permission slips and necessary info out to parents about personal vehicle transport to the high school. Tentative time frame is 9:30 to 1:30, Lisa will confirm with high school contact. themes chosen by committee are “Taking the fear out of asking for help” and “Cooperation vs. Competition”. Teaching staff present asked to mix up the groups of kids from the last event. Children will need to bring a lunch.
 - Talked about an Optional t-shirt that could be worn on event days, possible design by students. (Jenn)
 - Science fair packets to go home before Christmas break so kids can try out experiments and still have time to do some fine tuning prior to science fair. (Shannon)
- Meeting ended at 6:27 pm