

Eagle River Optional Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

January 17th, 2017

In attendance: Mr. Long, Dr. Long, Mrs. Spain, Donabelle, Daniela, Lisa Losordo-Santo, Codie, Lisa, Charis, Kaleigh, Anna, LJ, Sarah, Nicole.

Meeting called to order by Codie at 5:35pm

1. Budget reports handed out, no questions presented. (Kaleigh)
2. Northern Lights: (Kaleigh)
 - a. Done selling books, please return the leftovers. Math needs to be done to determine whether it would benefit us to purchase them outright or try to sell enough to get to the larger discounted price.
3. Craft Day: (Cherie)
 - a. Great feedback on the crafts and event!
 - b. A week apart was good for the kids.
 - c. Photos ahead of time of completed crafts may help eliminate partially done projects.
4. Eagle River High School- team building event (Lisa)
 - a. Friday, 1/27/17 @ ERHS
 - b. Driving field trip from ERES, arrive between 9:15-9:30; lunch between 11:30-12; pick up at ERHS between 2:15-2:30. *Still need drivers.*
 - c. Mr. Hahn's class joining, same number of students as last team building event
 - d. Teachers agreed that there are not additional parent volunteers needed. A volunteer photographer for the event would be nice.
5. Learning Labs (Daniela and Donabelle):
 - a. Scheduled for February 1st and March 29th from 9:30-11:30
 - b. Might need to look at dates next year to make sure there is enough time after Winter break to get everything in order.
 - c. Confirming room needs, will need to move computers to another room due to testing.
 - d. Looking at having a form to fill out as a lab leader so that the student can continue to learn after the lab, thus adding to the learning experience.
 - e. Creating a lab data base so that we have the information and details of what was taught or explained for a future lab, as well as know what topics have been covered through the years of learning labs.
 - f. Original goal of giving the Optional teachers space to plan together and having parents come in to teach something, do they still need this time and can we facilitate this better?
6. Class Plays:
 - a. Mrs. Dolan (Thursday, 1/26)- huge shout out to all her parents who have helped take care of everything
 - b. Mr. Long (March 3rd)- Play writing is going well, interesting costume requests will come soon.

- c. Dr. Long (April 14th)- Play writing going well, costumes will be from scratch this year, update on the needs soon
- 7. Kaleigh will be new POC for the February "Visit our School" Tuesday mornings (with the exception of the last Tuesday which is morning and 6:30 pm)
- 8. Garden: (Nicole):
 - a. Looking at revamping the program. All input is welcome. Looking at consistent garden helpers so less time is used explaining what they need to do. Better flow with the whole process of prepping, planting, cultivating and harvesting so that the kids are involved in the whole process.
 - b. Will be stepping down next year and is ready to work out details with whoever is taking her place.
- 9. Spring General Membership meeting/ Family night:
 - a. The small group will work on this and report back to the larger group with more details next meeting
- 10. PTA liaison- Sarah
 - a. Ace's game event in January, 20 tickets sold so far, Lisa said Gail would robo call for this event soon
 - b. Feb 7th, 1.5 hr long Multi- Cultural Family event with potluck, working with Patty Ortiz on this
 - c. Saturday in April for the bubble run, depends on snow, etc.
- 11. Principal Losordo-Santo's report
 - a. Commended the group helping Mr. James with clean up 1 day a week in the morning.
 - b. Cromebooks are in, testing will be on them
 - c. PEAK replaced last years AMP testing for grades 3-6, more info to come and will be passed on to the students and parents
- 12. No New Business:
- 13. Approval of last meeting minutes from 12/13/16. LJ approved, Kaleigh seconded
- 14. Next meeting scheduled for Feb 14, possible reschedule to following week due to the holiday

Meeting ended at 6:38 pm