

Swift Creek Elementary PTA Meeting- August 8, 2017

In attendance: Julie Nolan, Megan Word, Tara Batemon, Gia Hoke, Megan Sedaghat, Michelle Steinberg, Jen Miller, Kim Partin, Christie Matthews, "Tete" Isabelle Giraldo, Elizabeth Worthy, Amy Johns, Carrie Fernandez, Nehal Outlaw, Emily McGraw, April Bartley, Fran Killius, Marie Dexter, Chris Miller, Pam Myers, Delores Ragsdale

Committee Chair Packet

All financial forms go to Pam Myers(Check Request, Reimbursement, etc)

2017-2018 Budget

Items in red are new to the budget

Original Works- Natasha Kirby

Agendas- changes due to number of students

BookFair Entertainment- lowered due to additional funding added in Science Fair budget for STEM night in conjunction with Fall Bookfair (There will be a Curriculum night with Spring Bookfair)

Drama Club- lowered due to reusing some previously bought items

Landscaping- lowered, Nehal Outlaw working on school gardens grant

Principal Discretionary Fund- lowered to \$1,000- due to last year having a new principal which is not the case this year

PayPal- lowered

Science Fair- increased due to adding STEM night

Spring Fling- lowered to \$300, Ms. Graves has taken over this as a field day and has been able to get many items donated- **rename Spring Fling to Field Day**, ask if NC State football players can again help out with field days

Teacher Allocations- \$100 per teacher, trying to find a little extra money for Anniversary Celebration- teacher gift cards either to Teachers Pay Teachers or Stones

Yearbook- lowered to \$4,000- fifth grade club will do the Yearbook this year! Ms. Wils will lead this club, competition for the Yearbook cover

Surplus- due to not spending everything we thought we would from previous year- much of the surplus will go to the 85th Anniversary Party

Painless Fundraisers- Reading A-Z for K-2

Move to take All County Chorus out of Surplus into a regular line item- agreed

Mentoring program- girls empowerment group, possible roll out in October, possible boys group led by Mr. Propst

School Garden grant- Nehal Outlaw

Grant for teacher training for school garden- Ms. Sedaghat, lead garden teacher

Real School Gardens is the team with whom Swift Creek is partnering- they will work with the school during transition with rebuilding school(approximately 4 years from now)

STEM Night- Chris Miller

Station rotations every 15 minutes for children

Follow up activities they could do at home

Clubs coming in, such as a robotics club, to do demonstrations- age appropriate activities

Activities across STEM categories

Promote the Science Fair

STEM Night to occur in November during BookFair

Science Fair- Jen Miller

After Christmas Break, middle of January

85th Anniversary Celebration- October 7, 2017

Possible idea for each child to paint a rock

Concert

Business Sponsors needed for raffle

Assistance needed in the planning of this event(Committees- Activities, food, etc)

Assistance needed with food- food trucks? BBQ by Exchange Club?

Have a Fun Run table set up during the celebration to take donations and help parents set up fundraising pages for students

Meet the Teacher- Tuesday, August 22

Help needed to cover membership table and PTA display tables

Committee Chairs should refresh their display boards

Have teachers pull up Volunteer Registration in their classrooms

Checklist for parents- individual papers and a big posterboard checklist- could do a passport that parents can get signed off on then if they get all signatures they are entered into a raffle

First PTA meeting- September 12

Mr. Propst to speak

How can we drum this up and get everyone excited for school year?

Kim could show parents how their children can create their own fundraising pages for the Fun Run

Fun Run- Kim Partin

Theme- 85th Anniversary of Swift Creek

Thursday, October 19 Raindate- Tuesday, October 24

Prizes- wagon of stuff, as the students reach incentive levels they are able to come pick something out

Larger prizes- experiential(earn time playing a video game, for example) as well as gift certificates

Online fundraising page- through an outside company, Get Movin Crew(free for this year)- each student can create their own page- each page is private, parents without access to technology could come in before school with their child to set up a page

Wellness Guidelines- Nehal Outlaw

Nehal and Ms. Graves have proposed Wellness Guidelines for SCES

Alliance for a Healthier Generation has been referenced in coming up with guidelines

Teachers could give suggestions at Meet the Teacher to parents about healthy snacks

Working on Yoga and Movement in the classroom

Character Education- Gia Hoke

Positivity Project movement- character education movement- “other people matter”- focused on relationships

Easy for teachers to implement- 7-10 minutes each morning teaching a character trait(3-4 traits a month)

Swift Creek is a PBIS school- work being done to blend Positivity Project and PBIS

Minutes taken by April Bartley, Swift Creek Elementary PTA Secretary