

Swift Creek Elementary PTA Meeting- Tuesday, October 10, 2017

In attendance: Marie Dexter, Pam Myers, Kim Partin, Gia Hoke, Chris Miller, Cindy Robinson, Stephanie Wils, Jazzmone Sutton, Darrell Propst, Megan Sedaghat, Kimberly Fallon, Fran Killius, Sarah Graves, Delores Ragsdale, Dayle Meyers, Carrie Fernandez, Tara Batemon, Julie Nolan, April Bartley, Emily McGraw, Aimee Langerhans

Approval of September Minutes

Motion- Emily McGraw

Second- Aimee Langerhans

September PTA meeting minutes approved

Budget- Pam Myers

Grade Level Grants- expenditure as grade levels plan how to spend their money

Received \$3,000 so far, not including Fun Run

Cultural Arts expenditure- one time up front cost for cultural arts experiences

Healthy Lifestyles- Nehal Outlaw

Health in Action meeting- Swift Creek is going for gold

Swift Creek is going for Sneakers and Spokes Award- walk to school and bike to school events

Updated wellness policy- more movement and "smart snacks"- smart snacks are listed on the Swift Creek website- go to PTA website and scroll to "Activities"- look for Smart Snack calculator

Cafeteria Managers can order smart snacks- even for child birthdays or teacher luncheons- catering is an option too- this is on the Swift Creek Elementary website

Ms. Graves is arranging a Student Wellness Team- doing videos and brainbreaks for classrooms

Once a Month Family Fitness- running on the track, obstacle course- starting in January

Run Club will start up- one morning a week

Ms. Graves will be recognized for a National Award

Ms. Graves is looking for someone who can coach soccer and lead/help with a soccer team for Swift Creek- one morning a week

Basketball Club will start in December for fifth grade- first 20 students who sign up will be on the team as long as they meet academic and behavior goals

School Gardens- moving forward- a volunteer group of men will help build the raised gardens, Campbell Road Nursery will donate the soil- looking to plant a “winter garden”- looking into American Lumber Yard about getting non-treated wood for garden beds

Fun Run- Kim Partin

Thursday, October 19

Raised \$5,247.14 so far- goal is \$17,000

Incentive- 10 students from each grade will get to throw a water balloon at Mr. Propst as well as students who raise \$200 or more

Competition within each grade- popcorn and a movie for each class that raises the most money

Classes who reach their goal will receive a reward(teachers get to choose)

Half our donations so far have been online

Volunteer needs for the Fun Run:

- Set up

- Clean up

- A few classes need volunteers to help with the run

- Someone to run Game Day- parents are lending the school their game stations for students who raise \$100 or more to play games- Ms. Wils has already ok'd this happening in the Media Center

- Someone to run Fun Run Celebration at which students throw water balloons at Mr. Propst

Student drawing sheets sent home about Running Through the Decades- these will be hung outside of the office

Grade Levels will be making videos to show to students to promote the Fun Run

Sign up Genius sent out to parents to donate mandarin oranges

Girls on the Run- Ms. Hoke

Mentoring program for girls- helps young ladies learn more about themselves

Non-profit organization, 10 week Character Development program, train for a 5K event

Meets twice a week, small groups of 8-16 girls

2 coaches needed- this program comes with a curriculum(20 minute lesson, walking around the track talking about lessons)

Program Fees- participant fee \$205- includes lessons, supplies, waterbottle, shirt, participation in the 5K and celebration afterwards- scholarships available- given based on number of girls who sign up

Looking to launch in the spring

This would be an after school program ending around 5:00

Reach out to Ms. Hoke if interested, either sign up on the sheet or email- share what nights might work for you!

Strides is the boys version of Girls on the Run- Nehal Outlaw can help look into bringing this program for boys

October 20 Wear Pink!!!- Breast Cancer Awareness

STEM Night- November 16- Chris Miller

10 activities planned- science, math, technology, engineering based

Parent volunteers needed to help run activities- Delores Ragsdale is working on this

Sign up for supplies will be sent out on the Swift Creek website- lists created on Amazon and WalMart websites- <http://tinyurl.com/STEMWalmart>

<http://tinyurl.com/STEMAmazon>

5:30-7:30 for the STEM night portion

This is the same night as Bookfair Family Night

Food available at 5:30 and Bookfair opens, Bookfair closes at 8:00

This will help boost interest in the Science Fair which is in January

Class Size Legislation for 2018-2019

Class size cap: K(18), First(16), Second(17), Third(17)

Fourth-Twelfth Grade has no cap

Implications: must create space for more classes to accommodate student cap, this would push specials teachers out of their classrooms, 2 classes may have to share a room, combined classes

When contacting legislator- hand written notes are better, share personal stories

Town Hall through Facebook will bring up government officials for your area

House Bill 13 is what kept this policy from going into effect this current school year

Need to get big county school boards to speak out against this

Urge representatives to solve this issue before they return for the short legislative session on May 16, the day after school boards are required under state law to approve their budget request to their county commissioners

County Commissioners throughout the state have done research- look online to find this information, but there is no centralized place

This is a state issue, not a Swift Creek issue

Mark Your Calendar:

Oct 19 Fun Run

Oct 20 Early Release

Oct 24 Rain date for Fun Run

Oct 27 Deadline for Fun Run donations and Reflections entries

Oct 31 Teacher Work Day

Nov 1 Donna Washington performance for Swift Creek students

Nov 16 Family Night at Bookfair and STEM Night

Minutes taken by April Bartley, Swift Creek Elementary PTA Secretary