

Sharonville Elementary PFO--Meeting Minutes 9/11/19
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Introductions

Principal's Report—Mrs. Jordan

- Off to a good start to the year.
- Enrollment is down a bit, right at about 410 students
- Diverse school- 22 spoken languages
- New mathematics program, comes with diagnostic assessment for the beginning of the year
- Lots of testing at the start of the year- to get a feel for where the kids are
- 4th and 5th grade students have already been on first field trip of year—to I-Space, on campus of Scarlet Oaks—STEM activities
- More off campus activities are coming- we go to Aronoff every year to expose students to the arts and have a chance to dress up for an event
- Teachers will be sending home grade-level newsletters once a month
- Encore newsletter comes on alternate weeks, with building-wide news
- Watch our new electronic message board out front, keep posted on Facebook and Mrs. Jordan's Twitter account (HeirJordanK5). Students will be taking over Twitter account as a project coming soon.
- We are in the middle of our first school-wide fundraiser—cookie dough. Will likely use a portion of proceeds to buy spirit wear for every student, like we did last year.
- The spirit wear would be used for our other major fundraiser of the year, which is coming in October- the Walk-a-thon. The shirts can then be worn on other spirit days during the year.
- If you ever have any concerns or questions, the teachers are your first line to contact. Beyond that you can reach out to me by phone, and email is sometimes easier to respond quickly. KJordan@vikingmail.org. All contact information for teachers and staff is on district webpage under Sharonville Elementary.
- Our theme this year is being proactive. Talking to kids about making good choices all around the school- the classroom, the cafeteria, the playground, etc. This is coming from the “kid version” of Stephen Covey's effective habits.
- November is our month of service. Last year we donated to ProKids. We try to teach our kids to be good citizens as well as how to read and write. We are training our kids for jobs that haven't even been invented yet. Thus, it is important that we also teach them how to work together and recognize the greater community.

President's Report—Amy Goohs-Hardman

- To be involved in PFO, it could mean coming in during the day (if you can), it could be collecting items for the Viking Store or Box Tops, or serving as an officer
- We raise money ourselves, but we also seek donations from local businesses, such as to fund new balls for the playground cart. Game On Fitness was generous and donated \$100 for that this year.
- Last year, we purchased new pencil sharpeners and a new laminator for the building.

- We spent \$2500 on the Viking Store last year- it's a great incentive for the students to exhibit good behavior.
- We spent \$1600 on school celebrations last year- students of the month, class parties, awards, etc.
- During these PFO meetings, we review requests for purchases and make decisions about what to fund.
- See the agenda for upcoming dates:
 - Cookie Dough orders due 9/20
 - Conference nights 9/26 and 10/3
 - Walk to School Day 10/2
 - Picture Day 10/15
 - Next PFO meeting 10/23
 - Walk-a-thon 10/31
- Remember to enroll in Kroger Community Rewards—we earned over \$1100 last year with fewer than 50 families enrolled! Postcards will be coming home soon. You don't need to have a student in the school to sign up—spread the word to friends and family!
- Please fill out volunteer form with what you are willing to help with. If you know other adults who are interested in helping, feel free to invite them—might be a grandmother or an uncle or other members of the community.
- Watch for invite for conference night hospitality needs. KenwoodTexas Roadhouse is donating salads and rolls. Blue Ash Skyline provides discounted baked potatoes. We will need other items to round out the meal.
- You can earn Viking bucks for your child by participating in these meetings or coming in to volunteer.
- Thanks to another sponsor—Sharonville General Mills has again donated boxes of Cinnamon Toast Crunch as incentives for our Walk-a-thon.

Box Tops – Erica Figgins

- Still collecting Box Tops the traditional way
- They have also turned the program electronic. You download the app on your phone and scan your receipt within 14 days. Watch for logos on the products that indicate to scan your receipts!
- Last year, we had a Box Top collections container contest and a Box Tops trophy was passed around each month to winning classrooms; we will repeat both of these things this school year.

Treasurer's Report- Jennifer Means is coaching tonight, but see the agenda for budget information and what we've spent so far this year.

Q&A

- What is "sumdog"? It's an app that the math club uses after school. Tenmarks is not used anymore. That drove our new math curriculum--Ready Classroom has a component called iReady for online learning.

Thanks to the Key Club for assisting us with babysitting for our meetings (and other efforts throughout the year)!