

PTA Meeting Minutes

President Welcome (Tanya Streifel)

- Introduction of Deephaven Teachers: teachers at Deephaven serve on committees to implement building and district initiatives. Tonight we will hear from a few of the schools committees.

Deephaven Teacher Update

- Teaching & Learning (Jennifer Peters, 3rd grade):
- Encouraging reading and engagement in the classroom, better communication with parents through newsletters, etc.
 - Guided math: similar to guided reading, small groups to focus on
 - Implementing these things in the classroom - not just learning about it but USING strategies in classroom
 - Science: nothing new here right now
 - District committee - teachers sit on district committees then share back at Deephaven
- Social Thinking (Rachel Norton, 2nd grade):
 - Deephaven is part of a pilot focusing on Social and Emotional Learning. This year teaching staff about the language and what it means
 - Social thinking - learning how to share space effectively, thinking with your whole body
 - Social thinking DOES affect academics. 10 different concepts that are intentionally brought into the classroom, one per month
 - Taking something abstract and making it more concrete
 - Rachel is head of staff development committee - really drives what will be worked on throughout the year by teachers which ties directly to this initiative
- CARES (Rachel Norton)
 - Such an impactful part of the school and really appreciate all the parent volunteers that make this happen

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- Peaceful Bus - has been very impactful
- Also meets criteria for broader district and statewide programs
- Innovation (Rebecca Reynolds, 3rd grade)
 - Leads innovation committee at school and is on district committee
 - Adopt-a-hallway: pilot mode but eventually the 4th and 5th graders could mentor younger to help keep hallways clean
 - Calm (not chaotic) lunchroom: came from innovation committee but was handed off to CARES committee since it tied in to responsive classroom. 4th and 5th graders made a video to show what the lunchroom should look like and it was shown on the news, then students went to practice
 - Grandfriends: senior citizens come in and work one on one with chosen students (for academic or social needs)
- Technology (Kelli Whiteside, media specialist)
 - Used KaHoots to share information about technology in the school

Tonka CARES Update (Sarah Johnson, Grant Assistant for Tonka CARES)

- Different than the Deephaven CARES, this is for the entire district
- Prevention focused coalition to promote healthy lifestyle
- Funded solely by grants and private donations
- Mission - supporting youth and substance use prevention and early intervention. Uses data from OUR school for messaging and to figure out where the needs are
- Big focus for the school (and CARES) is on overall student well-being. Academics but also emotional & physical
- Outreach - monthly parent & school communication, in HS and MS using posters, bathroom posters and programming
- Eat. Talk. Connect - the more time you spend together eating a meal impacts your Childs decision making. Revamping this program and will be sending out updated ideas, talking points, etc...
- Connect with Tonka CARES on Facebook (Tonka CARES) or twitter (@tonkaCARES) or website www.tonkacares.org or though minnetonka website

Read a Thon Update (Elizabeth Fazendin)

- Book collection: 1,364 books collected
- 312 students are enrolled in pledgestar, less than 50%...focus is on participation for the first year, not fundraising. Have raised close to \$10,000
- Learning this year: A bit of confusion on what a “read-a-thon” actually is, from teachers and families. There is a learning curve. Also a lot of events before the read-a-thon started. Need to coordinate “dress up days” with other activities.

Treasurer Update (Lisa Goodwin)

- Square One art brought in \$3,700
- Pizza Party \$2000: down from past years
- Corporate Sponsorship: near \$17,000
- Board Approved: Clepper’s Closet (coats, mittens, etc...for people who need them). Snacks & unpaid lunch accounts, keyboards for 5th graders

Upcoming Events

- Talent show: still looking for someone to lead the show
- Art Exhibit: April 12th. Marta Chou is very excited about this and working with Mr. Anderson
- Mini Kindergarten Experience: May 4th
- Parent Party: May 18th
 - In March there will be a push for volunteers, kid art, hosting a party, etc...

Other

- MySchoolAnywhere has about 80% of school signed up
- Need to work on communication volunteer needs and communicating school events to new parents
- Room parent meeting following
- Next PTA meeting May 17th at 7:00pm in the Media Center

Meeting Adjourned 8:35am

