

SVE PTA General Meeting

December 11, 2018

8:45 am - 10 am

Welcome - given by Stephanie Malia

Teacher Report Wendy Ell

- The staff is overwhelmed by generosity of families for the Holiday Scrip program
- Marlo Franks, Technology
 - 5th grade integration project using colony research with robots, Minecraft, movie making, etc. Will start coding unit to build guitars and will be tied with music class
 - 3rd grade learning stop motion and will be tied with their upcoming frog unit
 - 4th grade is using animation software with their poetry unit
 - 6th grade using their Genius Hour projects with their chosen passion project
- 6th grade started the YESS program (Youth Education & Safety in Schools) – Douglas County Deputy discuss relationships, digital life and substance use
- 5th grade working on human rights module, will debate about what caused the Revolutionary War
- 1st grade completing their Grand-friends project where they interviewed a senior citizen to write a narrative; over 30 senior citizens volunteered
- 1st & 2nd grades have a Mitten Tree activity where children are encouraged to find ways to earn money at home to purchase mittens and hats to have an impact on students at a nearby school in need
- STEM: a former DCSD student (now engineer) worked with 6th grade to create and launch rockets
- Operation Gratitude: students wrote thank you cards to veterans
- 3rd grade held a book drive to donate to a school in Aurora, sold bookmarks as a fundraiser
- Mr. Hanson is working with the Geography Bee
- Ms. Gusich running Spelling Bee practices
- Mr. Breithart getting ready for holiday concert (Dec 13th with band, orchestra and choir)
- Mr. Smith hosted an after-school dodgeball class and volleyball starting
- Students took their fall DIBLES and iReady tests last week, teachers working on ERPs
- Recognized how amazing, friendly and helpful our front office staff is and how lucky we are at SVE

Principal's Report – George Boser

- Choir at the mansion was awesome; Thursday is the Band/Orchestra/Choir Concert
- Information on progress reports goes home in this Thursdays folders.
- Held staff meeting last week; this is a busy time of year for students and staff with extra events
- Managing kid stress: sticking to routines, provide encouragement, learning to pause and be intentional, letting kids know ahead of time about any schedule changes to minimize stress
- 5A & 5B passed – district talking about how to spend the money the right way, teacher pay, fixing internal pay gaps and increasing counselors for mental health are main priorities
- Caitlyn Fox will be returning from maternity leave at the end of the month

PTA New business

- Holiday Scrip Program
 - Staff members will receive their gifts this week
 - PTA gifted \$500 in gift cards to George to hand out to people throughout the year
- MVHS Wish Week
 - SVE celebrating week of Jan 28th; MVHS is week of Feb 4th
 - Shirt sales will be done through MySchoolBucks (Dec 15 - Jan 14)
 - Hosting bake sale on Feb 1st; voted that half the proceeds will be donated to Wish Week

- Valentine's Dance - Friday Feb 8th 6-8pm
 - Joyce is heading the committee again
 - Need dance planning committee volunteers & people to cut out decorations
 - Signup at <http://signup.com/go/nJtHnSw>
- Spring Fundraiser
 - Online Auction only, using HandBid again
 - Potential Theme: Living the Experience
 - Donations have not been requested at this point. Last year at this time we only had 13 donated items in hand.
 - Approached by JC Jackman's "Creatures for a Cause". Culminates in a school-wide assembly where JC presents his creatures, 2 50" screens would be set up in gym so all can see.
 - 4 different levels (Bronze at \$25 for before-show exclusive; Silver top 50 donating students for VIP seating +; Gold top 25 students photo shoot +; Platinum top 5 students star in assembly ++)
 - 30% of JC creatures goes back to JC Jackman.
 - Concerns brought up:
 - No longer anonymous/singling out specific students (might be the same as those who win teacher experiences and painted banks)
 - Not as inclusive as Groove-A-Thon; not all kids are interested in creepy crawlies
 - Limits the lower level donation items available to families unwilling/unable to give large amounts.
 - Blending with an online auction
 - "Living the Experience" theme
 - Possibility to set a dollar amount to each level with set number available (except bronze) like we did with stadium tour or skating with Coach
 - Does this water down JC's concept too much?
 - Keep teacher experiences, staff painted boxes, and other donations related to experiences (broad definition of experience)
 - General PTA wanted more information on whether JC would be willing to blend with auction and what that would look like. Consensus was that lowering the number donations needed to be solicited would help the PTA going forward in terms of volunteer support and hours.
- SAC Report - Valerie Richmond
 - Next SAC meeting is January 9th at 7:30am (SVE Conference Room)
- PTA Old Business
 - Teacher Grants
 - Teacher Grants are completed and have been received.
 - Thank you cards to the PTA from staff.
 - Upcoming PTA Board Positions
 - 2019*2021 President & Vice President
 - 2019-2020 Partial Term: Secretary
 - Accepting nominations now, announced in February & voted on at March meeting
 - Email sverocks@gmail.com with any questions or to make nominations

Treasurer Report – Cindy Mitchell: quick review, no major changes, no questions from board

- Copies of the SVE PTA Financial Report are available upon request