

## H&S Meeting - 09/18/19

1. Introductions & purpose of H&S organization.
2. Discussed for for the year : improve communication.
3. Discussed room rep responsibilities: organize parties, prepare Christmas baskets etc.
4. H&S Dues for this year will increase to \$60. This covers the teachers gifts and the slight increase is to cover the new teachers that have joined this year. No more chasing room reps in the school yard to make your donation. Simply pay your dues. Link will be up soon (visit H&S website)
5. The spirit committee introduced themselves: looking for a name change, open to suggestions. List of events planned by the committee:

- \* October: Halloween dances,
- \*October/Donation: Sock donation for charity
- \* December: Toys donation, Pizza with Santa, SBCA Road Race
- \* January: Family Bingo
- \* February: Sweetheart Dance
- \* April: Trivia Night
- \* May: Disco/Prom night
- \*June: Colin's 5K, end of year party

Also looking to add more adult events such as casino or Vegas night, community bingo etc.

Volunteers will always be needed. Please look out for emails or check the H&S website for details.

Sign up genius will be the main volunteering sign up page, each event will have a team.

### Other items discussed:

- Mandatory Virtus training for all that participate in school activities. Handout sent home with sign up info.
- \$6000 left from last year for H&S, it was a profitable year. We were able to buy basketball hoops for the school, the prior year ukuleles and chrome books for each of the kids to use).
- The sixth grade will have a field trip to DC this year. A generous parent has offered to pay for all the flights but the kids will be fundraising throughout the year. Please look out for information/emails.
- If you think of any fundraising events or any no cost fundraising ideas, please let us know.

- Venmo will be used to accept payments and currently still being set up.
- Box Tops: continue to collect them, details will be sent out soon. They are now done digitally.

Suggestions discussed:

- Communication: some parents did not know school hours, half days etc. Information not provided on the school website and they had to reach out to other parents they knew who also attended the school. Suggestion made to create a welcome packet for all new parents to send out with the class list (hopefully earlier in the summer) and this information be included. Also suggested an ambassador program.
- Several questions about rolling drop off on O Street, no more sibling line.
- Suggestion to create a communications committee.
- Teachers compensation discussed in great detail. It is important to retain the exceptional teachers we have.
- The Lynch program benefit discussed. Any way of the Lynch foundation helping in increasing teacher's salaries.
- Discussed doing separate fundraising for the teachers: silent auctions etc. looking into grants etc.
- The possibility of renting out the gym to the community for other things such as senior citizens bingo etc. Could help a lot with fundraising.

To do: Amanda will send out an email with the list of committee members for H&S and social committee.

Info will be updated on the H&S website which you can also use as a resource if you have any questions.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30PM