



Shreve Elementary PTA



Meeting Agenda

February 8, 2022 7:00 PM | Location: Zoom

In Attendance: Kate Coho, Deb Sutton, Susie Lilburn, Josh Desmyter, Jenna White, Mary Smith, Purvi Vashee, Cara Berman, Mayuriel Perez, Darlene McNerney, Dave Berman, Anita Prichard, Jennifer Adams, Haleema Sullivan, Kelly Ego, Kristen Moore, Paola Robey, Amanda Hsu

Welcome/Call to order (7PM)

- Kate welcomed the community and introduced our guests.
- Mary Smith
 - Anxiety in Children
 - Mary joined us once last year. She helps families through the challenges of anxiety with children.
 - Mary provided a presentation with parenting thoughts and tools to help our children.
 - She offered a 30-minute free consultation to parents of the PTA as a follow-up
 - Check her Facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/marysmithparentgroup>
 - Mary can be reached at 703-727-3909 or <https://mspc.cc/meet-mary>

Admin Updates

- Mr. DeSmyter, Principal, Ms. Lilburn, Asst. Principal
- Josh thanked Kate for having Mary at the meeting; always learn something new with her
- Spending of Fall Fundraiser money – planning to make an adjustment. In the fall, we talked about professional development in-house and flex seating in the classrooms. But, they were able to do a lot of professional development in-house without the additional funds because they got funding from FCPS and April Done was creative in how she implemented it. That left money on the table for other resources.
- Instead, they'd like to use the full fundraising money to start the flexible seating for the school. They want to order it now before the spring fundraiser. They'll share some options for the flexible seating and tables at the next meeting.
- Planning to start with the 6th grade and then work down in the grades so they have time to use the materials. For example, they're looking at dry erase tables with adjustable heights. They have some of these for pull-out special education cases. But they're hoping to get at least 3 tables per classroom for 6th and 5th grade.
- Will also leverage funds from the spring book fair and read a thon to help outfit the entire building before next school year. Hoping shipping doesn't take too long...

- Continuing to observe and work on differentiation in the classrooms.
- They've started working on a Sensory Room at the school for kids who don't communicate as well, don't know the language, have anxiety, etc. They have noticed that a lot of kids need a sensory space to help them get through the rest of the general education of the day. They're leveraging county resources for social/emotional funding to help build this room upstairs in the building for therapy, de-escalation, safe space, etc.
- They've seen an increase of students who might be in a crisis and the sensory room has enabled students to regroup and feel successful. They're continuing to develop the room, but it has already started to help several children. The room helps kids be more successful in their classrooms.
- They're starting to think about how they can start to get to know the kindergarteners before they come to the school – a blend in in-person and virtual. They'll get information out about orientation, school tours, and summer assessments soon.
- They need some parent volunteers to help with cafeteria duty (shout out to Stacia Keel for helping!). If you're brave enough to come in and volunteer in the cafeteria, Josh and Susie will train you on how to help. Also looking for volunteers in the library with shelving, etc.
- This week is School Counselor week. Natasha Hill and Cam Boster are doing great at Shreveewood. They're new-ish to this school but are continuing to get to know the community. Celebrate them this week and send them words of encouragement.

Old Business

- Approval of 1/11/2022 PTA meeting notes (available on website)
 - **Do I hear a motion to approve the meeting notes?**
- 1) **Cara Berman 2) Darlene McNerney; All in favor: Motion approved**

New Business

- Treasurer's report:
Proposed Amendment to shift money from the fall fundraiser to support Admin's furniture proposal (per above updates).
Motion to approve the amendment : 1) Darlene McNerney 2) Cara Berman. All in Favor: Motion approved
- Slating Committee Elections

Nominate a slating committee – Cara Berman, Kristen Moore, and Molly Sherlock
Motion to approve the slate: 1) Darlene McNerney 2) Josh Desmyter. All in Favor: Motion approved

Board Positions: President and VP Membership (terms start July 1)
 Suggested that everyone reach out to people they know who might want to volunteer

- We still need YOU!
 - Lots of available positions (watch newsletter, Wise Words, and website for information)
 - Read-a-thon - email luebrade@gmail.com
 - Staff Appreciation committee - email Shrevewoodsaw@gmail.com

- Dining for Dollars at Plaka Grill
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For the Common Good/Other Business and Announcements

- N/A

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 8th at 7pm. Social Emotional Team will present at the meeting.

Adjournment – Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

- 1) Josh Desmyter 2) Car Berman; All in favor: Motion approved

Meeting ended at 8:25pm.