

VL Murray PTO Meeting

Date | time 12/2/2018 2:00 PM| Location Crozet Pizza

Attendance:

Lindley Stakem (President)	Julie Bowersett	Mindy Foster
Chapell Turner (Vice President)	Carrie Cooper	Erin Moore
Elizabeth Contiliano (Treasurer)	Bridget Donaldson	Mark Greene
Luljeta Santugini (Secretary)		
Ellen Patterson (Teacher Representative)		

Agenda

- Welcome--- Meeting called to order at 2.08.
- Principal's Report—First semester staff focus has been literacy. Word recognition skills in the lower hall. Matching videos to text in upper hall. There are two remaining sessions.
A question was asked about language immersion. We will not have immersion, but second language classes will gradually start in kindergarten and first grade.
- Budget Review -Elizabeth Contiliano
 - Fund Drive Status--- \$ 21,200 has been raised so far. Good turnout also in terms of number of donors.
 - Art supplies for Ms. Pence will be upped to \$ 1,500 next year. These are supplies used throughout the school. There is a need for updating some of the staple material. Check with Carla about some of the more common materials that are being ordered.
 - Also two additional teachers stipends – the third fifth grade teacher and the ESOL teacher. Elizabeth Contiliano moved to add the two stipends.
 - Added security for the Flick on the Field event. In the spring, we'll have to add a security detail for the Talent Show and Bingo night. There will be a separate line item in the budget to make it more transparent.
 - VLM PTO Google Drive – Thank you Allie Hill for suggestion, championing this and building it!
- Blacktop Map/ Four Square repainting – Thank you Candice Love and Kat Foster.
- Call for 2019-2020 Committee Chairs and council positions should begin first of the year.
 - Update website prior to call for request to ensure community understands the goals.

Events & Program Updates

Primary Contact

1. **Fun Run** ---Carrie Cooper emphasized that it takes at least 20 volunteers. In the past it used to be a fundraiser for PE equipment. It was suggested that we change the purpose of the Fun Run to raising money for soccer balls, as well as storage bins for upper and lower fields.
 - a. For the t-shirts, \$709 were raised in donations. There is still \$244 left in the budget. This could be repurposed into other sport related things. We could ask for donations from one big company, such as State Farm, for free advertising. Green Murray balls with the company logo was mentioned as a possibility. May look to purchase this year.

<p>It was also suggested that old Murray t-shirts be recycled for younger Murray kids.</p> <p>2. Cultural Enrichment: 2018-2019 events scheduled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Festival of the Book to host Author, Jarrett Krosocska, on March 20th at 8:10 am</u> at VLM. Author of the lunch lady series and Star Wars: Jedi Academy and many other children's books. Our author is now a national book award finalist. b) <u>Bright Star Theater for George Washington Carver and Friends on 2/6/19.</u> That will take up all but \$200 of by budget, which was reduced this year by \$500. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normally, the Richmond Ballet performs for us in the fall for free using a grant from PVCC, but that grant is no longer available. The ballet said I could write a grant to have the fee reduced, but we will still need to pay \$420. When I get the final info from the ballet, I am going to submit that to PTO as a special grant. We will not be able to host an acapella group this year or have the Under the Sea visit again. <p>3. NEW Opportunity: Hampstead Stage Company</p> <p>Treasure Island: Robert Louis Stevenson's novel Treasure Island is a fantastical tale of pirates, adventure, and buried treasure! It tells the story of young Jim Hawkins and his perilous search for the buried treasure of the infamous Captain Flint. Students will meet Long John Silver and his band of marauding pirates, and take an exciting journey across the seven seas. Throughout this swashbuckling tale, we teach the danger of greed and the importance of helping others. (Recommended Ages 5+)</p> <p>Wizard of Oz: Join Dorothy in this classic adaptation of L. Frank Baum's The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Dorothy Gale thinks she is lost forever when a terrifying tornado crashes through Kansas and whisks her far away to the magical Land of Oz. She must follow the yellow brick road to Emerald City and find the wonderfully mysterious Wizard of Oz. With her companions the Tin Woodman, the Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion whom she meets on the way, Dorothy embarks on a strange and enchanting adventure to find her way back home. Through this play, we hope to instill a sense of teamwork and confidence. (Grades K-8.) The best dates for the spring would be <u>March 25th-29th.</u></p> <p>Before Spring break would be best. Declined for now, but maybe for the future.</p>	<p>Jenn Winslow jennhwinslow@gmail.com</p> <p>Typically perform a show for \$595 and offer discounts for block book rates (2 shows for \$900), etc.</p>
<p>4. Cash Back & Box Top Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) <u>Cash Back</u> – looking for ideas on how to make it more profitable and get more people involved. Harris Teeter/Kroger, Amazon Smile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Since increased enrollment by 25% by deadline, programs donated \$100. ii. Brix brought in \$250. Exploring other restaurants, monthly. d) <u>Box Top</u> – prior conversations about nature of items available, concerns for healthy choices, but also preventing food insecurity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Update on collection ii. Any feedback on program changes and trophy? 	<p>Cash Back – Liz Manson liz@lillap.com</p> <p>Box Top – Teller Stalfort tstalfort@gmail.com</p>
<p>5. Party Parade – Traci Polk provided update below to reach the \$4k revenue goal as estimate.</p> <p>Adult - Cocktail Party (Jan/Feb/March) Host = Traci and Sonnia Cost \$50 per person \$85 per couple 15 couples = \$1275, 20 Couples = \$1700</p>	<p>Traci Polk traci.polk@hotmail.com 614) 364-6616</p>

<p>Dance/Parents Night Out = March/April Host = Traci and need several volunteers and helpers Cost = \$20 a child , \$30 for multiples 20 singles = \$400, 20 multiples = \$600 Total = \$1000</p> <p>Ladies Tennis - TBD Host - Silvia and Carrie C Cost = \$40 10 players = \$400</p> <p>Family BBQ / Family Fiesta (may) Host - Meg Bryce Waiting to hear if Meriwether Springs is a venue option Cost = \$50 per family 20 families = \$1000</p> <p>Mother Daughter Tea Host = Grace Garrigan Cost = \$50 per mom and daughter 12 moms and daughters - \$600</p> <p>Blue mountain was suggested as a possible venue for large events.</p>	
<p>6. Talent Show: Marie and John are coordinating again, but this is their last year. Looking for assistant this year, ideally to shadow for rehearsals and the big night explain what has and has not worked for us in the past years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 22: Audition • March 1: Rehearsal #1 • March 8: Rehearsal #2 • March 15: Talent Show 	<p>Marie Powers Ellis marie@ivypianostudio.co</p>
<p>7. Landscaping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have \$1,000 to spend this fall. • County is clearing the ever greens down the back sidewalk, along the building. Likely early 2019. • Rocks for coloring There is a budget for this under art prints. • Also there was a suggestion on buying picnic tables for the back courtyard. • Four square in the lower area was suggested by Mrs. Patterson. 	<p>Katie Fusco katiefusco85@gmail.com 434-825-2719</p>
<p>8. Teacher Wish List/ Giving Tree:</p> <p>Teacher 'Favorite Things' is live on PTO website. Big thanks to Bridget, Kelli and Kelly for pulling this together for the giving season.</p>	<p>Kelli Coffin kelliecoffin@hotmail.com Kelly Kaufman kellykaufman17@gmail.com</p>
<p>9. Yearbook – Photos Needed! Can we get a link to a drop/box on the website?</p>	<p>Mindy Foster and Beth Hollen</p>

New Business

New Shed: Proposal of the purchase of a new shed to replace the one out back near blacktop (where we keep the clapper board sign). Mostly school things stored in there and it is rotting and really falling apart. Carla is checking with Building Services about replacement, process. May need to evaluate needs – might have opportunity for consolidated storage, move in location.

Ask first the building services if they can give us one.

Don Healy asked for an area where he can teach a wood-working area.

Evaluation of the current shed – whether replaced or moved.

Google/ Gmail Features

- Our kids use Google Drive for their projects, but there are so many features to help with calendars, emails, lists, etc.
- Tutorial – There might be interest in lessons

Murray Logo Creation as Fundraiser

Serves as community builder and fundraising for spring 2018. Develop single logo for Murray Elementary to use throughout collateral. Themed events and designs could still use own, but for yearbook, directory, bumper stickers, websites, letterhead, notices, etc. Team approved concept, but needs more time to evaluate and determine path forward.

New officers. The search for new officers and committee chairs will start early next year. Also more co-chairs opportunities. There is a need for more clarity about the roles and responsibilities. Next meetings will be spent talking about them.

Meeting was adjourned at 3.40.