



SRS Home & School
Regular Meeting
January 12th, 2022 7PM
via Zoom

- **Principals Update**

- Happy New Year! Teachers and students are happy to be back
- Fully staffed this week; safety protocols were reviewed with parents with regard to cafeteria and recess procedures
- Gaga pit has a loose screw; work order is in for repair
- Kensington Creative Performing Arts High School- working to have an outdoor presentation with subject of Martin Luther King, Jr. once weather gets warmer
- Peace quilt project is an ongoing project
- African American wax museum presentation will be in February; MLK play will be presented by Mrs. Kennedy's class
- Thank you to everyone who gave to the hot cocoa event before the holiday break. It was enjoyed by all and was a special send-off for the staff

- **November 10th Minutes will be approved at next meeting**

- **Treasurer's Report**

- State of Finances
 - Continue to do well this year with fundraising
 - Big events (Fall events)- \$3000 over budget for whole year. Bingo night and family donations still expected this year
 - Expenses are inline with expectations. Most of the expenses expected will be later in the school year
- Teacher Initiatives
 - Variety of sensory fidget items for teachers
 - Total cost \$176.92 requested for items

- Occupational Therapist requested equipment to provide teachers with a 'kit' to assist students in classes, if needed. Items are currently shared between multiple teachers/classes
 - Vote was held on proposed expense of fidget kits for teachers. Alex Styer Approved; Leesa Dixon Seconded. Vote was unanimously approved by the Committee.
 - Ten Adjustable Students Desks were requested
 - Currently have five such desks shared among 25 classrooms to assist students who prefer to stand while working
 - Success of these workstations have created a desire for more teachers to benefit from these desks
 - \$3,609 requested for desk and ball chairs. \$2,100 currently left for teacher initiatives
 - Vote was held to use excess money from fall events will cover expense. If more money is needed to replenish teacher initiatives, a vote can be held at March meeting to move surplus money into teacher initiatives fund. Shannon Elliott made a motion to accept proposal; Jill Kerr seconded. Expense request was approved unanimously by the Committee
- **Committee Reports**
 - Fall Book Fair
 - \$3512 was made; surplus of over \$1,000
 - Spring Book Fair
 - No chair for the event was found. Given this, online options for the spring book fair are being reviewed
 - Vendors are being reviewed. Many are not as profitable as others
 - Hope to hold event in March
 - Globetrotters
 - Link for winter session is up and registration has started
 - Schedule similar to fall; sessions held via Zoom
 - Bingo
 - Committee has been formed
 - April 29th is potential date of event
 - More information will be coming shortly
 - Sparrow House Renovation
 - \$15,000 of surplus would be used on project; additional funds could come from H&S or other fund-raising ideas or grants

- Committee has been formed; meeting next week to divide up tasks and get project moving
- Inspiration images are requested and should be sent to Shannon Elliott
- Survey will be sent to teachers to solicit their feedback on the project
- Spirit Nights
 - Take out Tuesdays- Next Tuesday @ Pinnocchio's (Media)
 - Parents' Night Out (May 13th)
 - Ship Bottom Brewery (Swarthmore)
 - In planning stages- other fundraising elements while we're there (50/50, merchandise?)
 - Ticketed event (BBQ dinner and drinks)
- Dimensions in Art/Art goes to school
 - Meeting via Zoom
 - Hoping to have outdoor classrooms approved for spring to move the program to in-person
 - Dimensions in Art proposal is expected shortly
 - May installation expected
 - Potential art action during unveiling of project to raise funds
- **New Business/Questions**
 - New committee forming under SRS Cares umbrella, "SRS Connects"
 - Launch of working groups re: Lunar New Year, Black History Month and is open to more ideas for other groups
 - International Night between all three elementary schools being discussed, as well as an outdoor 5th grade dance
 - Next meeting will be in March, 2022

