

Mason School Club Meeting Minutes

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January 3rd, 2023

Next Meeting: February 7th @ 2 PM

In Attendance:

School Nurse Danielle Carrier, Heather Sabotka, Courtney Landry, Tanya Chesnell, Amanda Cannon

Craft Fair Summary

- The craft fair was a success. The school club made a profit of \$1,612.50, which was about \$400 more than last year, with about 20 more students in attendance.

Upcoming Field Trips

- There are likely to be field trips coming up in the spring that may need funding, but there aren't any details for this yet, so it will be revisited in future meetings.

Staff Appreciation Week

- The next School Club event is Staff Appreciation Week in May. The dates for this event will run May 8th through May 12th.
- The overall theme of Staff Appreciation Day typically coincides with a school theme for the year. Camping was the theme earlier in the year, and there is an additional theme that will be unveiled in January, which the Coordinator(s) can reach out to Nurse Carrier for more details about later in the month.
- Coordinator(s) for the event will choose a theme for each day (Previous themes that were successful include: Takeout Day, Sweet Treat Day, Trail Mix Day, Popcorn Day, Breakfast Day, etc.)
- Heather has a folder with information on previous Appreciation Week information that she will pass over to the Coordinator(s) for this year.
- Sign-up Genius lists will need to be created and sent out for set-up and clean-up volunteers, as well as for donations of supplies.
- Courtney, Tanya, and Amanda volunteered to coordinate the Staff Appreciate Week together.

Spring Fundraiser

- A spring fundraiser needs to be coordinated, and ideas for fundraiser options were discussed.
 - Popcornopolis was a big success last year. 50% of sales comes back to the school, it is simple and easy to work with.
 - Square One Art near Mother's Day could be hit or miss, but the company was more difficult to work with in previous years.

- Pizza and Cookie Dough Sales do well.
- Plants are a good option, but other schools and organizations already utilize these.
- Calendar raffles can be hit or miss.
- Chunky tickets weren't a great success in prior years.
- Coupon booklets weren't successful in prior years.
- The School Club landed back on Popcornopolis after the success of last year, and the ease of organizing the fundraiser through them.
- The club hopes Will Rowell will take the reins on organizing the fundraiser this year, and will be in touch to confirm this.
- Tentative date: Sell for 2-3 weeks in the beginning of March, allow for a few weeks of turn-around, and handout popcorn by the end of March.
- Typically the fundraiser doesn't involve incentives to avoid any unfair competition, but this year the club is potentially going to host a cooperative incentive. This would involve the entire school trying to meet a fundraiser goal that would buy a specific school item for the students to use (soccer balls, playground equipment, etc.)

School Night-Out Fundraiser

- There was discussion of bringing back night-out fundraisers at different chain restaurants to create community events and simultaneously fundraise for the school.

Spirit Week

- Spirit Week will run June 5th through June 9th. The School Club hosts one day of a school-wide activity during Spirit Week.
- Previous years have included: a traveling aquarium, Christa McAuliffe Space Center Mobile Planetarium, Singer/Songwriter Steve Blunt, Blue Ocean Society Touch Tide Pool, Beaver Brook Assoc. Wildlife Exhibits, Bussing to Nick's Gym, UNH Drama Club Performance.
- New ideas included Wildlife Adventures, Acrobat Demonstration, etc.
 - Amanda suggested a Yoyo Demonstration that also served as a fundraiser that she would research.
- Attendees to February's School Club Meeting should come prepared with ideas and information on potential activities for this day during spirit week. The club will need prices for the different options.
- During Spirit Week, the School Club also provides a treat, such as Italian ice on Field Day.

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