



GARDEN CREEK HOME AND SCHOOL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Garden Creek School Library, 6:30 pm

Attendees

1. Meredith Briden (*in place of Samantha Robichaud*)
2. Brittne Campbell
3. Marcia Franklin
4. Andy Han
5. Rebekah Thompson
6. Jennifer Ward

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approved by Rebekah
- Seconded by Jen

Financial Report

- Jen confirmed we contributed \$2000 in support of the new projector and upgrades in the gym.
- We have planned spending for a number of items for the remainder of the year that will leave us with about \$2400 in total. This number is subject to change, however, as some items (e.g., the purchase of picnic tables) are still up for discussion.
 - **Action Item:** Jen/Andy to confirm the number of teachers and EAs and then determine the final amount needed for the \$100 per staff member contribution.

Movie Night Recap and Future Plans (Andy shared Cheyenne's thoughts)

- The behaviour at the Movie Night on Feb 2nd was much better and all went smoothly. Using the full gym versus the half gym seemed to work better and Mr. Briden did a good job of staking out the space between the chairs and the canteen. We made close to \$500.
- We need to fix or replace the second popcorn maker – we may be able to return it to Costco as it was purchased on the school's account. Brittne may also be able to donate a small popcorn maker.
 - **Action Item:** Home and School Executive to discuss and determine best approach.
- We should have enough popcorn and gummies for the next Movie Night.
 - Question: Will we need to purchase more water?

- If we run a Movie Night in March, we can run a fourth and final Movie Night in May.
- **Decision Made:** Tentative date for the next movie is Friday, March 22nd. (This is the only date that works for Cheyenne to help during the day, and Marcia, Jen, and Rebekah can all help at night.)
 - **Action Item:** Mr. Briden to confirm the date works with Alex/Samantha. (*Done.*)
 - Alex expects work in the gym to be complete by March 22nd and thus, barring any delays, this date should work well for Movie Night #3.

Teacher Appreciation Week Recap

- This took place on Wednesday, February 14th.
- The lunch went well, and all seemed to enjoy the food.
- Note: We roughly doubled our food budget on the catered lunch, so we did not supply gift cards in addition to the food as has been done in the past.

Spring Raffle Check-in and Overview

- Note: Minutes from the January meeting outline the key details and dates for the Spring Raffle.
- For awareness, a separate summer picnic/BBQ traditionally happens near the end of the school year.
 - Suggestion: Tie a celebration of the new playground into this event somehow.
 - **Action Item:** Marcia/Andy to add this as a discussion item to the next meeting's agenda.

Tailored Tots Fundraiser

- We are planning to run this fundraiser (personalized silverware and related items) at some point this spring.
- If we can get the forms out by this Friday, we can ask for them back by March 1st (ahead of March Break) and then the items purchased will be in before Easter. If this doesn't work, then the forms can either go out right after March Break, or in May after the Spring Raffle.
 - **Action Item:** Rebekah to reach out to Jenn at Tailored Tots and determine what's feasible in terms of timeline.

Home and School Communication and Fundraising

- Previously, Home and School's Meeting Minutes were shared on the website, and this may be worth returning to. This would enable anyone in our Creeker community to learn more about what we're doing, if desired.
 - **Action Item:** Marcia to communicate with Mrs. Ghanem and coordinate uploads of the Meeting Minutes from 2023-2024.
- We previously discussed sharing some additional information on social media about who we are and what we do. **This item remains open for further discussion.**
- We are currently determining whether to purchase picnic tables. There are considerations, such as the playground's warranty and possible theft of the tables. One idea might be to see whether we can have wooden tables built that would be difficult to steal.
 - Suggestion: Perhaps Jen's Dad could make some picnic tables if we source the lumber?

- **Action Item:** Mr. Briden to speak to Alex about whether having wooden picnic tables built is feasible. *(Done.)*
 - Alex is going to check with the District to see whether this is possible.
- **Action Item:** Jen to speak to her Dad.
- **Action Item:** Andy to speak to Devon Lumber and see if a donation of lumber is possible.
- Suggestion: Perhaps FHS students might also be able to build some tables, as they would be looking for options for projects and keen to help other schools?
 - **Action Item:** Home and School Executive to discuss/investigate further.

Staff/Teacher Update and Requests

- No updates or requests.

Any Other Questions/Concerns

- Suggestion: We might want to consider an outdoor movie in September. This would need to be planned before the end of this school year.
 - **Action Item:** Marcia/Andy to add this as a discussion item to the next meeting's agenda.
- Suggestion: Do we want to run a school dance for the older grades? Another school did this for Grades 3, 4, and 5 and the kids enjoyed it. A disco ball, glow sticks, etc.
 - **Action Item:** Mr. Briden to check with Alex/Samantha about this. *(Done.)*
 - Sock Hops over lunch hour are preferred. Home and School is more than welcome to volunteer to assist with these, if desired.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Submitted by Marcia Franklin

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