

Stowe Community Group Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2018 - 6:30pm
Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School

1. **Call to Order/Welcome:** *Shawn Gerwig ~ 6:40*

Attendance- *Shawn Gerwig, Kathleen Funderburk, Becky Wilcoff, Kiesha Payson, Carol Masterson, and Josh Levy*

2. **Principal's Report:** *Josh Levy, Assistant Principal*

- School Board meetings are wrapping up. \$800K is requested to be reduced from the budget. Call or Write your reps to voice your opinions.
- Step up days are June 1st to the Jr. High and June 6th from Coffin
- "Old Brunswick Days", presented by the 3rd and 5th grade will be held on June 8th. There will be music in the morning and outside activities in the afternoon.
- June 22nd is the last day of school and is a ½ day.

3. **Secretary Report:** *Kathleen Funderburk-* April minutes will be ready for approval during June meeting

4. **Treasurer Report:** *Dave Robertson-* No updates, not in attendance

5. **All Elementary Officers meeting update:** *Shawn Gerwig*

- Shawn, Kathleen, Whitney (current CFC President) and Alexa (incoming CFC president) met to discuss any opportunities for all elementary merging of forces going forward. The following was discussed:
- Fundraisers - read-a-thon as separate school events, but both in Fall; and 5K- sharing event responsibilities as well as raised money. Future opportunities for gift card and coffee fundraisers.
- 501C3- this is a direction that the CO of Brunswick schools is encouraging us to move in for more independence financially. This would be best as All Elementary to reduce fees and consolidate any board needed.
- The language used for volunteer positions at Coffin and Stowe are not consistent. This has been brought up by several parents. We discussed having consistency in titles and committee names to create a more fluid transition school to school for parents and volunteers.

6. **Open Leadership Opportunities:** *Shawn Gerwig*

The following are open Volunteer and leadership opportunities:

- * Bobcat 5K
- * Box Tops & Labels for Education
- * Student Directory
- * Sustainability (We Compost It!, CLYNK, Harriet's Haven, etc.)
- * Community Liaison/Volunteer Coordinator (Walk/Bike to School Days, misc. volunteer requests)
- * Winter Gear Give & Take

For any former volunteers in these positions, please forward on any "How To's" or Sign up Genius event pages to be passed on to new volunteers and leaders.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising:

Bobcat 5K May 19 - Erinn Rossignol: PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT

Committees:

Hospitality (Teacher & Staff Appreciation): Diane Howard, Samantha Marini, Keisha Payson, Kym Shoemaker

- Snacks were provided for teacher appreciation week in the teacher's break rooms both upstairs and downstairs
- This year's staff appreciation gift will be scholastic dollars. While the school administration is in charge of how these funds are used, they are in support of SCG offering this as a gift to the teachers. There are several school supplies available in addition to scholastic books. Anne Daniel has offered to showcase all that is available from scholastic to the staff if they would like. We agreed that this gift would be presented in a gift card form made by SCG. We discussed the financial amount to gift the staff and if scholastic's prices were comparable to a price Amazon would offer, and if scholastic dollars were worth the equivalent to a dollar so that we could choose an appropriate scholastic financial gift amount. We have enough scholastic dollars to offer up to \$250 per full time staff (as defined in past years with this gift). We will decide on the final amount once we hear back from Anne on the pricing of scholastic catalogue items.

Volunteer Coordinator (Walk/Bike to School Day): Becky Wilkoff- May's bike walk to school day is scheduled for May 18.

7. **New Business-** Discussion between SCG and Josh Levy about teachers putting out an ask for parent participation and bringing more visibility to SCG in order for needed support to run and host the many offerings and fundraisers that SCG is involved with.

8. **Adjourn at 7:55**

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 14, 6:30pm