*AGENDA*

**Sequoyah Elementary**

November 13, 2023

7:00PM

Meeting called by Megan Gorman

**Board Members** Megan Gorman – President, Paula Hall – Vice President, Mary Moses – Secretary, Dimetra Mansoor – Treasurer

1. Call to order/ Introduction of Board- Megan Gorman
   1. 7:03pm
2. Approval of meeting minutes from September 25, 2023, meeting
   1. Sadie Nowakowski
   2. Suzanne Morgan
3. Introduction of Teachers
   1. Mrs. Renee Villaire
   2. Mrs. Helena Scharf
4. Principal’s Report- Mrs. Gabriel/ Mr. Johnson
   1. Teacher Professional Development Day
      1. Touched on Science and Reading
      2. Speaker on Autism
      3. Talked about 5th grade Social Studies
   2. Student Council Food Drive
      1. Mrs. Scharf did a wonderful job organizing Food Drive
      2. We ended up with 800 items donated
   3. Cyber Safety Presentations
      1. Presentations will be held in mid December
      2. They are for grades 2nd - 3rd and 4th – 5th
      3. Topic will be Internet Safety
      4. Parents will have the choice to opt out if they feel the need to do so
   4. Science Olympiad
      1. We have a coach:
      2. Meetings will start after Thanksgiving
   5. Lego Robotics
      1. We are still in need of a coach
      2. We will revisit next meeting to see if anyone is willing to coach the team
5. CAC- Sadie Nowakowski
   1. Chippewa hired 50 new teachers and 138 other positions. They are still looking to hire 100 more
   2. Thought Exchange Emails:
      1. Parents are concerned with class size, metal health of children, getting more support for staff, and more communication from staff members to parents.
      2. Technology- Parents are concerned about having their children on a computer all day every day.
   3. New Literacy programs in Elementary schools
      1. Reading Interventionist
         * 1. Mrs. DiCicco is Sequoyah’s Interventionist
   4. Talked about how a book gets reviewed
      1. There are many parts to the review and not only banned books are getting reviewed. They also review books that have been on the self for many years and also books that never get checked out.
   5. Chippewa Cares: New program for Secondary Education buildings to address mental health
6. Treasurers Report- Dimetra Mansoor
   * + - 1. Skate Night- Profit: $136.00
         2. Carters Cantina Dining Night- Profit: $86.00
         3. Kroger Rewards- Profit $861.69

**Old Business**

1. Sequoyah Stride Profit will be shared at January PTO Meeting
   * + - 1. Once Mrs. Garbriel gets back we will have the last of our pizza parties, dance and taping to the wall.
2. Blake’s Fall Fest
   * + - 1. Great turnout even though it poured down rain
         2. Next year we will revisit Trunk or Treat
3. Ongoing Fundraisers (Kroger & Spiritwear)
4. Thunderfest Basket Volunteers
   * + - 1. No one volunteered at this meeting
         2. We are looking for help to approach venders for donations, purchasing basket gifts and wrapping baskets in May for Thunderfest
         3. Mr. Johnson proposed that we have each grade (and/or class) choose a theme and get parent donations to make a basket. This was done previously at Shawnee

**New Business**

1. Super Science Days
2. Santa Shop
3. Storytime with Santa
   1. Sadie Nowakowski is the chair and she wants to purchase a few decorations for the event
4. Adopt a Family- Megan Gorman asking for an additional $100.00
   1. Approved by
      1. Sadie Nowakowski
      2. Suzanne Morgan
5. Sunshine Committee- Megan Gorman asking for an additional $300.00
   1. Approved by
      1. Heather Opalewski
      2. Sadie Nowakowski
6. Commemorative Brick in Honor of Kevin Gabriel- Megan Gorman asking $250.00
   1. Approved by
      1. Heather Opalewski
      2. Suzanne Morgan
7. Mrs. Scharf on behalf of the student council and student body purchased a windchime for Mrs. Gabriel

5. **Upcoming Events**

* 1. November 16th & 17th- Super Science Day
  2. November 21st- Decorate Sequoyah for the holidays & Jets Dining Night
  3. November 28th- December 1st- Santa Shop
  4. December 8th- Storytime with Santa
  5. December 13th- Bagel Day
  6. January 14th- Family Bowling Event

**Open Discussion**

**Ticket Winners**

**Heather Opalewski-4th grade concert?**

**Suzanne Morgan- 3rd grade concert**

**Inda Jakupovic- 2nd grade concert**

**Metting Adjourned at 7:25pm**

**Next Meeting Tentatively Scheduled for January 29, 2024**