

Purpose-

To connect with parents, establish a better sense of community, get feedback and build relationships.

Katie discussed the different roles within the group- if anyone is interested please let Ashley or Tiphani know ASAP

Katie/Lynn are co chairs

Admin, meetings, agenda etc.

Secretary- Reba(pending approval)

Circulate agenda, record notes from each meeting and present them the Ashley/Tiphani post meeting

Information Officer-

Collect feedback from parents via comment boxes, polls, surveys etc.. Plan and implement info received and keep everyone up to date on important happenings

Fundraising-

Works with SSLC Team to plan events/activities/community outreach etc.

Fundraising Ideas-

Tiphani emphasized that the main focus of fundraising is to gain funds to give back to the school through further education for the teachers, materials for the classroom and to elevate SSLC through diversifying. Any ideas other than the ones listed below, don't hesitate to reach out!

Tiphani read the Director's Report from Ashley- stressed the ideas behind fundraising- new materials for classrooms, furthering teacher's education, keeping the school clean. Thanks for the amazing support. Looking for more ideas and ways to support our community- Thanksgiving Drives, Christmas givebacks etc.

Jenn or Jenna has a connection with United Way and is more than welcome to share contacts if we want to partner with them at any time.

Comments were made praising the partnership with the nursing home- Tiphani said that they definitely will continue working with them moving forward as long as they'll have us!

Butter Braids are happening now through the 12th, and planning on having Elsa visit in December.

New Ideas for Fundraising and ways to give back to our SSLC community and others-

SSLC Swag Sale- T-shirts, sweatshirts, bumper stickers, license plate covers, coffee mugs etc!

Great idea!

Book Fair-

We can quickly set up an online book fair through Scholastic in which teachers create their wishlists and parents can shop for themselves and the teachers. It would be best to get this going now and have things ready to rock by December 1st so everyone has a week to shop and books will still arrive in time for Christmas.

Giving Tree-

An awesome, anonymous way to help those at the center who need help. Provide a “tree” and allow parents to write things down that they’re needing- anything from clothes to toys to toilet paper. They write it and hang it on the tree. Anyone can choose to participate or not- if you can give more and help out- choose a paper and bring your donations to be distributed.

This can also be partnered with an outside organization- maybe a foster family or somewhere in the community where kids are involved.

Open Mic-

Elyse brought up the idea of some kind of **parent forum**- a place where parents can connect with other parents in their kid's classroom- have access to everyone's info to connect for meetups or just to chat if someone needs to talk. This morphed into creating a school Directory and a private Facebook group for parents of the school to connect privately, have separate classroom Zoom meetings etc..

Each classroom lead can spearhead gathering the info and getting it out to all the parents in that class- Ashley can help with gathering info too.

Signup for classroom meetings through the same format as teacher conferences- have a set date/time for each classroom and parents can join in to “meet” each other, find common ground etc.. for a Parent Social. Everyone really loved this idea!!

Do Again/Do Better?

We rounded the meeting out with this- what did people like, what can we do better next time? Cameras on at least once for more meaningful connection :)

Everyone seemed to like the time- Tuesday nights at 8pm

Frequency of meetings? Once a month, unless we have extra things happening- fundraising kickoffs, time sensitive things.

Action Items- who's going to spearhead what? Follow up with an email after the meeting.

Tiphani will get to work on the Giving Tree and Ashley will most likely take charge of the private FB page and getting the directory going.

Next meeting set for Dec 1st so we can get Book Fair up and running in time