

## **SOPA Meeting - September 20th, 2016**

*Location: The McKee-Mattoo Family Library*

*Catered by: Antonio's*

*Meeting began at 6:45 P.M.*

**Governance Council Elections:** Doug Morse started things off by explaining how many spots were available on the council. One fifth grade parent running must serve as an alternate because they are one-year term, as opposed to the normal positions that are two-year terms. All potential voters have to sign in.

The various nominees all spoke, appealing to the voters. Then the voting began.

Ms. Todd's class then performed for everyone, adorably putting on *Where The Wild Things Are*, followed by a whimsical performance of *Maxie the Taxi Dog*, dressed as canines.

**Meet the SOPA Enrichment Teachers:** All of the enrichment teachers introduced themselves, from Binkow and Willians to Veneers and Cramer. Ms. Cramer gave a very extensive talk about what she teaches for every grade level. Eric from My Gym spoke next. PE switches sports every two weeks. The computer-wise head spoke about the computer lab and all of what the kids are learning in there on a weekly basis. Larissa spoke as a proxy to Marnie Wheeler who couldn't be in attendance.

**Tiger Fund:** Larissa then segued from the Enrichment teachers to the Tiger Fund and how important it is for parent's to donate and help pay for all of this. She wants to raise \$100,000, and if we can't do that, then she asks what are we willing to give up. She asks for everyone to please donate.

Interim Principal Dichter introduced Maria Nicholls who went on to introduce everyone to brand new Principal Carla Miller and Assistant-Principal Hope Mathews. Principal Miller spoke, thanking everyone for the warm welcome. She spoke about her open door policy. She'll be formally starting in two weeks.

Assistant-Principal Mathews will be working part time here and part time at Carpenter. She also spoke and thanked everyone. She already started at SOEC.

**Halloween Update:** Caryn Adams talked about pre-selling Halloween packages and t-shirts. Shirts are \$15 or they come in a package deal.

She mentioned the Trick-or-Treat Village. Character artists. Bowling. Cornhole. LaserTag. Camp Keystone donated games. Four food trucks will be there. New Orleans Snowballs which does shaved ice will be there, supporting our theme.

Caryn encouraged everyone to volunteer, whether through your class or individually.

Ms. Wheeler and Ms. Monica will be choreographing a song and dance for all of the children. TK-2 will be performing together, as will the upper grades.

Caryn called out Candace Larkin, Larissa Laskin, Sean Larkin, and Currie Graham and the Cottrell's who will all be doing their part for the T-or-T Village. Michelle Wall. Julie Kiper, a grandma, has been recruiting volunteering from outside efforts. She called out Geraldine Colon who is the contact for the Village. Sharon, the treasurer. DeeDee Colbert is doing the map for the Carnival. Linda Coloma is doing all the classroom sponsorships. Lindsay Sarnoff does a little of everything. Cheryl is running the cake walk. Deanna, Amy Cross, etc. AnnMarie does all the yard signs. Lori Crupi does after-school. Dax does the blast.

There are 3-4 spots left for the T-or-T village. Speak to Geraldine if you're interested.

Finally, Caryn reminded everyone that it's free admission for the carnival.

#### **Governance Council Results:**

Doug Morse returned to the mic to thank everyone for running. Everyone got on to the board with Jeff serving as the alternate.

**ShopWithScrips:** Lisa Mitchell spoke about this new fundraising effort. She will be running the program. Janet then spoke, who will be co-running it with her. They explained how the scrip program works. First you sign up using a special code. Then you enroll in Presto K which allows you to buy online. Finally, you get approved and start shopping. You can buy either physical gift cards or you download it to the app on your phone.

They used as an example that they bought Dominos gift cards and already made \$125 for the school.

Other retailers include Starbucks, Cheesecake, Panera, Amazon, etc. There are over 700 retailers who participate. The more people who do this, obviously, the more money our school will make.

Those who sign up for this before Oct 31st will enter a raffle to win a \$50 gift card.

**Sherman Oaks Galleria Family Night:** Cheryl has been working for a year and a half with the Galleria and three weeks ago they sprung this on her.

All the money made at this thing comes back to us!

They will have a silent disco with 125 headphones. A DJ. Lights. All of that is free. The Carnival games and bouncy will be a paid option. There will be a raffle that Cheryl is running that includes a Burke Williams gift card, the Sherman gift card, Rams tickets, etc. We'll also be selling Halloween packages there. There will be a spin wheel there. We need people to come. It's Thursday, September 29th from 5 to 8.

They are promoting it hard at the Galleria. Put it on Facebook. Tell people. We can stand to make a LOT from this.

**Lost & Found:** It is full. Don't forget to look through it because theres a good chance if your kid is missing something, that's where it is.

Last minute, Carla promoted the Display My Art fundraiser. We'll be getting the magnets tomorrow. We're not doing Innsbrook this year, so let's all help out with this one people.

Family Night at Antonio's Pizzeria is on Tuesday, October 4th from 5-8 PM for dine-in and take-out. They are located at 13619 Ventura Blvd. Sherman Oaks, CA. 91423 (818-788-1103)

*The meeting concluded at 7:50 P.M.*