

Horizon Elementary – School Community Organization (SCO) Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

11 people in attendance

Approval of December Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by Leanne, seconded by Tara, all in favor.

Principal Remarks: Michelle Kelly

- Michelle said that COVID absences were down dramatically from the peak after the holidays, with about 25 students absent Friday 2/4 vs over 100 the day after the holiday break.
- Michelle said that the recent video Horizon made regarding drop off procedures was well received.
- Michelle said that a coach for responsive classroom strategies recently observed classes at Horizon and gave the teachers a glowing report.
- Michelle said that Horizon's older students will take the Forward exams the week of April 18 and she'll follow up with the SCO regarding providing snacks during exam time.
- Heather asked about the Bank of Sun Prairie Food Drive and Michelle said the student leadership team and their club teachers agreed to take it on. Donations will be collected from 3/7 through 3/16.
- Kate asked about holding a spring event and Michelle said that the guidance is still for outdoor gatherings only so the SCO will skip a spring event and focus on the end of year picnic when the weather will hopefully be better. Kate and Keri Jo noted that the middle and high schools have been allowed to hold concerts and other gatherings and Michelle agreed to advocate for a more normal gathering for 5th grade graduation.
- Financial Report: Kristen Bradley
- Kristen presented the financial report and said that the SCO hadn't had many recent expenditures except for some DFI filing fees and discussed classroom grants that were completed and in progress.
- Motion to approve the financial report by Mandy, seconded by Leanne, all in favor.

Old Business:

- Morgan reported on the most recent PLC meeting, which was a brainstorming session regarding guidelines for all elementary SCOs. Morgan said that 2 models of shared fundraising were discussed and one was the [One Fund](#) model implemented by the Evanston Skokie school district. Kate cautioned against this model as it may create legal issues and asked when parents would have input on shared funding for SCO's. Morgan said that the meetings were behind schedule and the next PLC meeting on 2/23 at 6 pm would be the time for the brainstorming ideas to be evaluated, debated and voted on. Morgan shared a chart showing total student enrollment and the percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunch at each elementary school and said that those figures could be impactful if a shared funding model was implemented. Michelle V spoke in support of shared fundraising and said that the United Way's [ALICE project](#) looks at how to count families in need in the community with more nuanced metrics than free and reduced lunch. Morgan said that the PLC is planning a survey for district families regarding SCO priorities in the coming months.
- Heather shared a thank you collage from Horizon teachers and staff in response to the SCO's holiday gifts and Keri Jo shared her awesome experience distributing the staff gifts before winter break.

New Business

- Heather said the teacher appreciation plans for February include a soup and salad lunch from Olive Garden during Thursday conferences and a treat day on Friday, February 11th with donuts, fruit and coffee.
- Keri Jo said the dine out night at Liv's Drink Emporium was a success and that Jersey Mikes' would hold shares days for Horizon on 2/21 and 2/22 and that the Culver's shares night was scheduled for 4/18.
- Heather said the SCO is seeking volunteers and ideas for teacher appreciation week in May and Keri Jo said she'll be sending an email to parents requesting videos thanking Horizon's teachers, which the SCO will compile for a surprise Jumpstart video.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm– Motioned by Michelle V and seconded by Tara, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Morgan Aten, Horizon SCO Secretary

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