

Eagle River Optional
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2015

In Attendance:

Lisa LoSordo-Santo (Principal), Dr. Long (K/1), Mr. Long (3/4), Mrs. Dolan (1/2), Kaleigh Wotring (co-chair), Alexis Kallen (co-chair), Lisa Norbert (secretary), Robin Gray (treasurer), Nicole Mercer (SC member), Codie Costello (SC member), Rosanna Lee (SC Member) and Cherie Shirey (SC Member).

Called to order:

Kaleigh called the meeting to order at 5:15pm at Pizza Man.

Old / New Business:

1. Approved the minutes from the October 5, 2015 steering committee meeting.
 - The November meeting was canceled due to bad weather.

2. Treasurer's budget report (Robin)

3. Halloween Carnival (Felicia)
 - Good feedback (it was nice having a girl scouts troop help)
 - Suggestions for next year: Have 1 coordinator to run the event; short on volunteers to help push at the game booths.

4. Kids Kreations – Fundraiser (Rosanna)
 - Orders are in, were sorted and went home on 12/5/15.
 - The program earned \$1,813. ☺

5. Learning labs (Codie Costello)
 - November (K-2) learning labs had great feedback! The topics were Food meets science, finger knitting, paper crafts, fire station tour, first aid and knot tying
 - The knot tying lab was difficult for the younger group and finger dexterity.
 - Codie to make a “worksheet” for the lab leaders (to include discussing the history, background of lab and along with a variety of hands on) to maximize learning/time.
 - Next learning labs are on Wed. 1/27/16 and 3/30/16 (grades K-6) from 9:30-11:30am

6. Craft Day (Cherie) 16 total crafts, plus a community service project
 - 2 Days: Tuesday, 12/15 and Wednesday 12/16 (from 9:30-11:30am)
 - The community service project is no-sew blankets for Nurse Diane & kids in distress.
 - Gift wrapping station on day 2 (Wed. 12/16).
 - Purposeful crafts...Cherie polled the 5/6 student and got good feedback (asking for more challenging crafts or an option to help the younger kids w/making crafts).
 - Request parent volunteers to stay at their craft station.
 - Jitters will donate snacks and coffee for the volunteers on both craft days.
 - We will have a “break” area with coloring and word searches for students who get overwhelmed and need to take a break from making crafts.

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7. 5/6 Field Trip (Sealife Center in Seward)
 - Mrs. Spain may need assistance in fundraising (idea: sell smoothies at PTA meetings)
 - Ask if a parent volunteer is needed to help with fundraising.

8. Principal LoSordo-Santo's Report
 1. November learning labs were phenomenal! Kids/parents had fun ☺
 2. The school may have new reading buddies with the fire station.
 3. PTA Turkey BINGO in November went well.
 4. PTA is getting ready for an audit.
 5. PTA wants to have monthly family fun events.
 6. I-did-a-read coming up in February.
 7. We may be able to expand the ER Optional program...looking at trends.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, January, 4, 2016 at 5:15 pm

The meeting ended at 6:10pm.