

PTA Meeting Minutes ~ January 10, 2013

Present: Elizabeth Schwartz, Connie Gaylord, Jen Stella, Sally Kendall, Erika Graham, Kaiya Korb

Ski and Skate debriefing meeting ideas: we could do this as PTA meeting or on a Friday evening (Chris S., Bear S, Deb L., Connie G., Elizabeth S., invited – waiting to hear about availability).

Winter program update: success in that every body went down the magic carpet slope! We did unfortunately have one injury. We may need to improve how we communicate with parent volunteers as reminders on sign up dates. Kindergarten program is going well; it is called “ECO” – Educating Children Outdoors. Looking to do it next year. It does not need to be mutually exclusive of the ski program but we will have 21+ kindergarteners next year and we will need quite a few bodies to get them on the ski hill.

The kids are very hungry when they return. Should we provide a snack for the lodge or for the coaches? Is there enough time to provide snack as part of the program? Parents should also consider providing their children with a snack.

The bus cost is lower this year and we also might have a few less instructors this year. PTA will absorb the cost of organic snack and Kaiya will purchase and let us know how much it costs.

Artist in Residency: Our theme this year is food. The residency will be about local foods. It will be broad reaching, so instead of having one artist we will tap into an array of people to do so (ex: Hadley, Knoll Farm, Yak Farm, Food Hub, Von Trapp Cheeses, bees with the Geigers, etc...). We have a long list and Cory Stephenson who lives in Fayston and has done a lot of grant work on placed-based projects will be the coordinator. The idea is that kids might sign up for a “strand” and to pick something of interest and spend some time during the day focusing on their projects. Transportation may be a challenge but many places are within walking distance. Other cost will be for supplies. Timing: May 2013 for 5-7 days. There will be NECAP science testing for fourth graders at that time as well.

Spring Arts Festival: Saturday, May 18th, 2013. This could be a culminating activity that we could merge. Nora McDonough applied for and received a \$1000 grant funding for Fayston and Waitsfield Elementary Schools.

Concept is to showcase visual art that has been produced by the schools in the local stores on Bridge Street, including potentially the Quench Art Space for a food reception on what has been done. This could also overlap with the circus residency that Fayston is pursuing. Other idea is craft fair for both students and adults, in the green space behind Bridge Street, which might generate funding to pay for permit and traffic control.

Look for an article in the newsletters and help spread the word; there will be a committee set up so please consider volunteering!