

**Southern Bluff's PTO Meeting
February 21, 2022**

Attendees: Alex Powell, Kristin Damstra, Stephanie Umberger, Walt Smanski, John Parkyn, Alicia Place, Kara Seifert, Lisa Schreiner
Meeting called to order by Alex Powell 6:41pm

Treasurer's Report: PTO provided a \$609.57 check to Alex for reimbursement for teacher appreciation, stamps and envelopes. \$14,278.87 is the total balance. We have \$1400 allocated to PBIS and \$400 to the prairie restoration. Our available balance is \$12,878.87. We don't have any funds technically allocated to field trips, but we have ample funds to cover it. Traditionally PTO has paid for the spring picnic.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: 1st: John Parkyn, 2nd Kara Seifert

Secretary's report: The report was emailed to those present at the meeting.

Motion to approve Secretary's Report: 1st John Parkyn, 2nd Walt Smanski

Principals Report: The Spirit week focus is on kindness. Each day there is something about kindness and something else. Our state testing is March 28 - April 8. The second week will be 4th grade testing. We have 2 students that won a t-shirt contest to "Prevent Child Abuse in La Crosse County," Nathan Ackerman and Jaedyn Little. They both received gift cards as well as Miss Scheurell. It was very exciting to have Southern Bluffs selected. Mrs. Schreiner will be retiring at the end of the school year. She has enjoyed being part of the Southern Bluffs family for the last 10 years. She announced early to have time to find a new person. The first round of interviews is March 22. It is a full day of interviews and they are looking for parent representatives to help interview. If there are parents that would be interested and would like to participate, please let her know. She hopes to announce the new principal at the beginning of April. We are having a few field trips that are happening this spring. The second grade is going "All around town." There are some carry-over dollars from last year. The 4th grade in the past has gone to Madison. We are thinking about going to Prairie Du Chien, which equals less time in a bus and more time for learning. The request might be close to \$800 for that trip. We may have more field trip requests submitted.

GetMovingHubsite: Stephanie reached out to Michelle from Spence concerning their swing fundraiser. Looking at the website it looks pretty straight forward. The school keeps 90% of the funds. There is a 3% website usage fee, you can send thank you's and have donation receipts. We can have the celebration ending with the picnic, a huge inclusive event. It would still be weather dependent and we still have Covid restrictions and mitigation strategies if it were to be moved inside. After the meeting Alex will send out an email to the group to strategize how to move forward on this. May 5 will be the Spring Picnic. We discussed food options with John and how we can save money.

Coupon Book : We didn't get a lot of traffic with them in the past. Especially with the walk-a-thon, Walt would vote not to do it. The walk-a-thon is an engaging opportunity for the students. The coupon book is a marketing ploy.

Motion to decline the request: 1st: John Parkyn 2nd : Kara Seifert

Open Discussion: Thank you to Mrs. Schreiner for the hard work over the past 10 years, especially the last few years with all of the challenges.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

March 7 - Set up food by 3:30pm - John to provide: Brisket Sandwiches

March 10 - Set up at 3pm: Jimmy Johns

DWP report: Tabled until next month

Motion to close: 1st: John Parkyn , Walt Smanski

Next meeting is April 18 at 6:30pm

