

**Southern Bluff's PTO Meeting
March 2, 2022**

Attendees: Alex Powell, Kristin Damstra, Stephanie Umberger, Walt Smanski, Alicia Place, Kara Seifert, Lisa Schreiner

Meeting called to order by Alex Powell 6:36pm:

Treasurer's Report: There was an Amazon Smile deposit of \$42.09. We received \$.10 from Kwik Trip Scrip. \$13,929.45 is the current balance. We still have not received a PBIS (positive behavior intervention support) request. PBIS helps teach expectations to be responsible, respectful and safe. PBIS money is used for Bobcat bucks and classroom celebrations. When we hit certain milestones we celebrate as a school. There are also interventions where we do some re-teaching instead of consequences. The students were polled and as part of their 15k bobcat bucks, they have voted on a possible dunk tank for Mrs. Schreiner. Is the PTO able to donate the rental for it? Other possibilities for 15K Bobcat Bucks is Mrs Schreiner coloring her hair and dancing and singing on roof. \$12,529.45 is the available balance with the prairie restoration and PBIS allocation accounted for.

Motion to approve a reasonable amount for a dunk tank.

1st: Walt Smanski, Kristin Damstra

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report 1st: Kristin Damstra 2nd: Lisa Schreiner

Secretary's Report: The February Minutes were emailed to those present at the meeting.

Motion to approve Secretary's Report: 1st Stephanie Umberger 2nd: Kara Seifert

Principals Report: Tomorrow is the first round of interviews for principals. There are staff members and family members on the committee. Hopefully, they will be able to announce our new principal by early April. Next week is WI Forward Testing for grades 3rd-5th. We have until the end of April to get it done. This week we have our concerts at Central HS. We can get more people there in a safe manner. Tues. is K, 2nd, 4th and Thurs. is 1st, 3rd, and 5th. This Friday we have the Longfellow music tour. The orchestra, show choir and pep band come to Southern Bluffs to perform. It is to encourage the 5th graders and get excited to join the middle school music opportunities. We have a youth art month at the South Side library. Those with exhibits have an official reception on April 19th. We are doing DARE graduation on April 28th. Officer Weaver will be retiring as well. Our 5th grade recognition will be a bowling event on the 31st of May. There is enough carry-over of funds from last year. They will go on the bus, go bowling, and have pizza & cake.

Old Business:

Fundraiser: getmovingfunhub.com - Alex spoke with the website coordinator and learned how the process works. The site has many options to help facilitate an event like this. They have an easy website to navigate for parents, offer media support, marketing, and provide a coach that walks us through the process and answers any questions. They have flyers available for use and create incentives. They assist with donations, platforms, teacher info, etc. The caveat is there is a hefty price; to sign up it's \$499. Once the data base is formed, they also collect 15% of the online donations. Spence raised 21k gross and paid \$983 for website use. The Jump Rope for Heart Campaign is going on right now. We should wait until the fall to start the campaign so it is not confusing. If we wait, we could register and get a \$100 promo material discount. We would have more time to get letters out the community and find businesses for

matching donations. We discussed district wide fundraising challenges. We discussed how to discuss the fundraising with school families. We discussed taking PTO branding off of the fundraiser. We discussed writing community grants. We discussed how to differentiate this from the Holiday Fair. We discussed costs associated with the getmoving website. We discussed equitable access to all students. Facebook raises 75% of the money. We discussed having the fundraiser from mid-September to early October. We discussed showcasing it during Parent-Teacher Conferences in the fall.

Motion to approve Getmoving fundraiser: 1st Kara Seifert, 2nd Walt Smanski

Spring Picnic: Once we decide the menu, John will get us prices and he needs a 3 day window. We discussed the Magic of Isaiah and Kenny Ahearn. The Spring picnic is Thursday, May 5th. We put out a sign-up for the teachers. They have 2 different shifts and help with the food serving. We also have had electronics recycling in the past. We discussed the cake walk. We discussed a letter to send out for the food and cake walk. We discussed offering a non-meat option. If we have weather we move it inside. We discussed the Photo Booth.

District: The school board candidates came to speak at the district wide parent meeting. Get out and vote. Next Tuesday, there is a parent feedback meeting that lasts an hour on subjective discipline. From 6:30-7:30pm

May 2nd - Teacher Appreciation: Snacks in the lounge, During Covid we did gift cards. Massage Therapists, Discussed raffling gift cards.

Open Discussion: WE are going to have the community careers and connections Wed. May 18th from 5-7pm. We are looking for families with fun careers to share. A google form will be used to RSVP. We had food trucks, Med Link, and smaller organizations with tables in the past. So far, we have 6 committed. If you know of anyone that has a career to offer send them Stephanie's way.

Preschool numbers have dropped immensely, if you know of any families that have children that are turning 4 on or before sept 1st, we would love to have more students in the district.

Brenda Ahearn will be retiring.

Motion to close 1st: Alicia Place, 2nd Stephanie Umberger
Next meeting is April 11, 2022 at 6:30pm