

**Southern Bluff's PTO Meeting
October 17, 2022**

Attendees: Alex Powell, Kristin Damstra, Stephanie Umberger, Walt Smanski, Alicia Place, Kara Seifert, John Parkyn, Vanessa Colburn, Jacqueline Weisse, Kate Smith, Maggie Maine

Meeting called to order by Alex Powell at 6:32pm

Treasurer's Report - Walt Smanski, We purchased Squishmallows and staff T-shirts. Walt filed the annual report with the WI Department of Financial Institutions. Walt will file the 990 paperwork required for non-profits. We have received cash and check deposits for the swing fundraiser. We have 2 accounts, one for our main PTO account and one for the swings. Our main account total balance is \$8942.20. With PBIS money allocation of \$629.50, our available balance is \$8312.70. We have raised \$1421.31 for swings. There are some expenses including the \$500 website fee and Squishmallows. We will re-allocate \$950 back into the main account from the swing fundraiser. A golf team won \$250 in a golf outing. The money has stipulations on how it is used. We need to move \$250 to PBIS from golf outing.

Motion to unallocated \$250 from PBIS back to PTO funds. We will use the golf outing money first for PBIS with a code the school provides.

1st: Alex Powell, 2nd John Parkyn.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report

1st: Kristin Damstra, 2nd John Parkyn

Motion to approve Secretary's Report:

1st Walt Smanski: 2nd: John Parkyn

Principals Report: At the end of October, she had new student lunches with the students. Social Emotional learning is a big focus of school district. We kicked it off with the classrooms. Southern Bluffs is a leader in the district. We are re-kicking it off and have just completed our unit - growth mindset and positive attitude. We know how important SEL learning is. Grade levels worked on areas of competency. Where do we want and need to focus our growth. Where do we need to make growth based on each individual grade level. We started school wide assemblies on Mondays with singing, and grade levels have been leading it. The kids love it. Great positive thing to start the week with. We have earned 3000 Bobcats bucks, so joke day is on Wednesday. Mrs. Maine will read jokes every hour on Wednesday. We have been reviewing behavior data. Look at trends and areas to re-teach expectations. Mrs. Maine attended a principal conference in Green Bay. Helped her reaffirm we are on track at Southern Bluffs. Upcoming - Conferences start next week. We have an author visit. Jenny Barish, she is a local author who wrote Junkyard Tough. She will talk to kids about what inspired the book. Halloween and Holidays - How we should celebrate holidays at Southern Bluff's? We would like to discuss this with parents and staff moving forward. Grade Levels are consistent on how they are celebrating. Most classes have a fall celebration. Nov. 3rd is the end of the quarter. Nov 10th we have our Veterans Day program. Those who have served in the military will receive a light breakfast and program. We are having a family art night event on Nov. 21st.

Old Business:

Kara Seiffert- Swings Recap - Our original goal was \$35k and is now reduced to \$30k. Nickelatti Construction is installing the swings. A Southern Bluff's family has reached out and will be matching everything for the swing fundraiser between now and Sat. We are at 76% registered with 42% participation. This is excellent progress. We are using a website called funhub.com. At the beginning of the fundraiser discussion, we discussed the equity piece at length whether to include individual goals in the fundraiser. If you register, you get a t-shirt. The teachers have been great. Every kid will have a t-shirt whether they are registered or not for the walk-a-thon. Every kid will get a prize at the end of the fundraiser. It will help everyone be included. We are hoping to get 2 Gaga pits as well. That way, the 5th graders will have something installed while they are still here. The walk will be on Monday. The shirts are all here. If any parents want to walk with the kids, come on over. The very last day for donations is Tuesday. Our current swing fundraiser balance is \$22,373. We are hoping to get a discount on the mulch as well. It costs \$7,700 for the soft surface. We are hoping to get a discount possibly with the soft surface as well. We are going to connect the track to the playground and still need to get an additional quote for that. We have an opportunity to write grants for the additional. There are opportunities to get more funds, if we don't reach our goal. The walk is at 9am right after morning assembly. We will take a group picture during the assembly.

Holiday Fair - Alex has started the process to fill out the forms. The PTO holiday fair letter will go out to the businesses. We have the list of all the businesses and we will call to follow up with them. We break up the list to make phone calls. We need to have everything collected by the first week of November. We will do the collection and the input to get ready for the auction, Nov 17th - 30th. We will have everything labeled ahead of time. The basket pickup will be at the Holiday Fair. We will have someone man the basket station at the holiday fair. Kidland is kids only with adult helpers. Kids get to pick out gifts for their families. We host a Bake Sale, asking people to bring items in for the sale. We need to find Santa. We need to check our ornament inventory. We will have our Giving tree up. Note: Have it up during conferences for next year. Walt will contact Dan for the auction again. Dan covered the sign-up fee, and credit card fees last year. Classroom Letter to go out next week.

Conferences: John will cater the first conference, Alex to get Jimmy Johns for 2nd conference

Vision Screening: Vanessa to help,

Dental : Vanessa to help, Jacqueline Weisse,

Wed. Nov 16th, Discussed the possibility of a district wellness committee

Motion to close 1st: Alicia Place, 2nd Kristin Damstra ``